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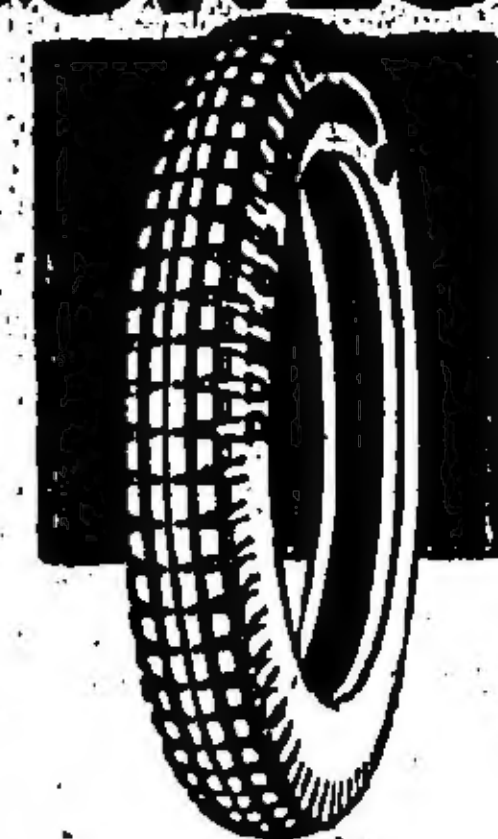
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## REPULSE BAY MAY HAVE NEW FACILITIES.

## SCHEME TO ADAPT BUNGALOWS.

FRESH WATER PLUNGES:  
OPEN-AIR GAMES.

## REALTY CO. HOPES.

That the Hongkong Realty Trust Co., Ltd., has under consideration a scheme for providing, on modern lines, dressing and refreshment room accommodation for bathers at Repulse Bay, with fresh water plunges and other kindred open-air amenities, was announced by Mr. J. Scott Harston when presiding this morning at the annual general meeting of the Company.

It was explained that the existence in the title deeds of the Company's rural property at Repulse Bay of covenants of a somewhat onerous nature had made the profitable letting of the bungalows a matter of difficulty, but that an effort was being made to obtain a modification of the terms of the Crown lease for the purposes mentioned above.

Mention was made of the investment branch of the Company's business, the Chairman stating that concentration thereon gives greater scope for the making of increased profits than would be the case if the Company's activities were confined to the mere letting of Exchange Building and the Repulse Bay property.

### Chairman's Speech.

The chairman, having read the auditors' report, addressed shareholders as follows:—The profit for the year under review, including the sum of \$6,427.65 brought forward from the previous year, and after setting aside \$22,000 for depreciation, amounts to \$122,267.95. Deducting therefrom the interim dividend (paid on 4th September, 1930, and absorbing \$60,000) a sum of \$62,267.95 remains, which your Directors recommend be apportioned as follows:—To pay a Final Dividend of 20 cents per share, \$40,000; to transfer to General Reserve, \$10,000; to carry forward to New Account, \$12,267.95; and I trust that this recommendation will meet with approval of shareholders.

I do not think that there is much calling for comment in the accounts, for most of the headings under which the figures are displayed, render them self-explanatory. You will observe, however, on making comparison with last year's figures, that the Central property, Exchange Building, has (as the result of the sale of that property effected in conformity with the unanimous decision of shareholders made at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on Wednesday, the 2nd July, 1930) disappeared from the balance sheet and that in replacement thereof there appears the item "Second Mortgage on Exchange Building," which was given to secure a portion of the purchase consideration in respect of the said sale in compliance with the terms of the Sale Agreement, while in respect of the cash payment effected by the purchasers you have investments representing at cost the sum of \$1,274,197.30, with a credit balance at the Bank in lieu of the mortgage indebtedness to that Corporation which appeared in last year's balance sheet.

### Company's Investments.

In connection with the investments, you will notice that in spite of the fact that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was not considered prudent to embark upon the investment of the funds which accrued from the sale of Exchange Building until the latter quarter of the year under review, capital accretion on the investments held at the 31st December, 1930, has taken place to the extent of \$100,000 in round figures, which, in the circumstances, I think may be regarded as satisfactory.

While on this subject, I would remark that it appears to your Board that in concentrating upon the branch of its business which it is now undertaking—that is to say, that of investment—the Com-

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# KING ALFONSO ABDICATES.

## SPANISH REPUBLIC PROCLAIMED.

## MADRID GOES WILD WITH EXCITEMENT.

## LAST OF BOURBON MONARCHS SURRENDERS CROWN.

## LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

ALFONSO XIII, last of the Bourbon kings, yielded to the inevitable yesterday afternoon, formally renouncing his Crown. A Republic has now been proclaimed in Spain with Senor Alcala Zamora as Prime Minister, and probable President, and Senor Lerroix as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Dramatic scenes were witnessed in the historic capital of Spain, the centre of the practically bloodless revolution. The populace went temporarily wild with enthusiasm for the new regime, racing about the streets crying the news of the downfall of the monarchy. The ex-King and the Royal Family have left Madrid for a secret destination, believed to be Paris, accompanied by a few loyal friends.

## PROVISIONAL ZAMORA CABINET.

London, Apr. 14.  
According to press telegrams from various sources which are published with flare headlines, but for which no official confirmation has yet reached London, King Alfonso XII abdicated this afternoon and is leaving Spain.

It is stated that a Provisional Government has been formed with Senor Alcala Zamora as Prime Minister, and has proclaimed a Spanish Republic.

Excitement is growing in Madrid and Barcelona where organs of the Provisional Republican Government have been set up following the remarkable success of the Republicans at the polls in the municipal elections.

One report states that the Royal Family, with exception of the King, left Madrid this morning for Valencia. One story is that King Alfonso transferred his powers to Admiral Aznar, his Premier, who immediately sought Count Romanones. He then went to Senor Zamora, transferring the powers of Government to him.

### King's Safety Guaranteed.

Zamora gave an assurance that the personal safety of the King and his family would be safeguarded.

### Madrid, Apr. 14.

King Alfonso has abdicated. He received the Cabinet at five o'clock and formally renounced the Crown.

No official announcement has been made, but there is not the slightest doubt of the truth of the report. The capital is full of conflicting rumours, but it is generally assumed that the announcement has been postponed until to-morrow in order to give the ex-King an opportunity of getting quietly away to Portugal.

### Later.

King Alfonso has left Madrid for Cartagena. He was accompanied by the Prince of Asturias (the Crown Prince), Admiral Rivera, the Duke of Miranda, and a few faithful members of the historic Civic Guard.

The other members of the Royal Family are leaving Madrid to-morrow morning. It is understood that the King will embark at dawn for an unknown destination. The King's departure this evening was totally unobserved.

It is learned that he originally made an offer to abdicate in

favour of his son, the Prince of the Asturias. In reply to his offer, the Republican leaders insisted upon an unconditional renunciation of power.

The political excitement which has turned the capital upside down figuratively all day, culminated in the news of the afternoon that the King had abdicated and would be leaving the capital in the evening for the Portuguese frontier.

### Wild Excitement.

The capital is simply wild with excitement. Officers are driving through the streets waving large Republican flags, while motor-cars carrying red flags are rushing through the streets proclaiming the birth of the Republic.

Admiral Aznar has handed over the reins of Government to the Republican leader, Senor Zamora—who was recently sentenced to imprisonment for signing the famous December manifesto, which commenced the collapse of the Throne.

### Catalonia Acts First.

Catalonia must, for the present be regarded as an autonomous republic, a message from Barcelona stating that Colonel Macia has been proclaimed President of the Catalan Republic. Colonel Macia has appealed for order and quiet collaboration in order to enable him to regain the liberty of Catalonia.

### Madrid, Later.

The Provisional Zamora Government has taken all measures to ensure order and to guarantee the personal safety of the King. It is learned that Senor Lerroix will become his Foreign Minister.

### "Go Slow."

Zamora has announced that the first principle of his programme was "Go Slow," to prevent disorder and bloodshed. The new Republican Cabinet which was formed for all practical purposes some months ago, comprises:

Premier: Senor Zamora.  
Foreign Affairs: Lerroix.  
War Minister: Aznar.  
Marine: Casares Quiroga.  
Finance: Indalecio Prieto.  
Interior: Miguel Maura.  
Public Works: Albornoz.  
Labour: Largo Caballero.  
Economy: Martinez Barrio.  
Public Instruction: Fernando de los Rios.  
Catalonia has decided not to remain autonomous. Colonel

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King Alfonso XIII, who has renounced the ancient throne of Spain, dating back to the time of the union of Aragon and Castile in 1749, is shown right, in civilian clothes, top, reviewing his troops three months ago, and circled, caught at a happier moment with his eldest son, the Prince of the Asturias, who is now 23 years of age.

## SAFE CONDUCT GRANTED.

## PULLMAN INSTEAD OF SCAFFOLD.

## MAJORITY WILL.

Madrid, Apr. 15.  
The question which King Alfonso XIII asked only a fortnight ago, namely, "If the Republicans are in the majority and can make their will prevail, why don't they do so and cease criminal agitation?" has received a constitutional answer, and the King has bowed thereto. Alfonso departed from Madrid under a Republican safe conduct. He has earned universal commendation by avoiding bloodshed and, for the first time in a life filled with hair-breadth escapes from assassins,



Queen Ena of Spain a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria.

has not sought to despise what he called "The Risks of the Profession."

The oldest monarch in Europe has thus disappeared, practically without bloodshed, in conformity with the method forecast by the newspaper "Libertad" yesterday, which proclaimed: "Gentlemen, take your seats. The train is off, adding: 'To-day, we are more civilised than formerly; we ask their Majesties to take a sleeping car instead of the scaffold.'

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## MANY ATTEMPTS AT ASSASSINATION.

## EX-KING'S "TROPHIES" AT THE PALACE.

It is a forbidding museum, the room where King Alfonso XIII of Spain kept the grim relics which reminded him that a monarch's life is not always a happy one.

There is a feeding bottle made for the special purpose of poisoning him when he was a babe of eight months. A fragment of a bomb thrown at him on his wedding day. A splintered panel of a royal landau, wrecked by anarchists' dynamite. Handkerchiefs, shrouded revolvers wrested from would-be assassins' hands. Wick- ed looking daggers. Rebels' rifles.

All tell the story of the many attempts that have been made on the life of this dobonair and now deposed monarch. In keeping these exhibits, Alfonso must have inherited a sense of the grim from his royal forefathers who also liked to surround themselves with reminders of death and the grave in the gloomy walls of the Escorial.

### Ex-King a Fatalist.

If King Alfonso were not a fatalist and at the same time a very courageous man, he long ago would have made a hermit of himself, guarded closely in his palaces by picked troops and lynx-eyed sleuths.

He has been the mark of dozens of cracks, fanatics and murderous revolutionists—and always has escaped. They have not weakened his courage. They have not impaired his smiling tranquillity.

### Wedding Day Bomb.

It was amid a baptism of blood and death that the young Alfonso and his fair English bride, Princess Ena of Battenberg, began their joint lives as rulers of Spain. The royal wedding was in Madrid on May 31, 1906. A story of the eventful day is related by Edgar Wallace, the famous writer of detective novels and plays, who "covered" the wedding in his early days as a working reporter.

"My idea was to get out in the streets and get the human story of how the crowds welcomed the youthful king and his English bride. I worked my way into the dense crowd in the Calle Mayor. The people seemed enthusiastic enough.

"Suddenly I saw what I thought was a bouquet thrown at the state carriage in which the bridal pair was riding. It was indeed a bouquet of flowers, but inside it was a deadly bomb. It exploded with terrific violence. Many people were killed and injured. Fragments flew in every direction. There was a cloud of smoke. There were shrieks of the wounded and dying.

"Then the air cleared and one saw the young king, pale but brave, sitting in the state carriage.

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## A KING WITHOUT ILLUSIONS.

## THE ROYAL CAREER OF ALFONSO XIII.

## UNEASY THRONE.

It is somewhat remarkable that an adverse election result should cause Alfonso to abdicate, for he has been suppressing rebellions, threatened rebellions, and dodging assassins all the 44 years of his life, and he has done it with guile almost, courage certainly, and always with a smile on his lips.

His attitude has largely been the result of the fact that he was never permitted any illusions. His mother made him realise from the first that his inheritance was no easy one—an unsettled, rather rebellious country, and his own bodily constitution in which there might be planted the seeds of tuberculosis that carried off his father, Alfonso XII, to an untimely grave at the age of 28.

### Born a King.

He was literally born a king on May 17, 1880, the post-humous son of Alfonso XII's young widow—the former Marie Christina, daughter of the Archduke Charles Ferdinand of Austria.

The widowed Austrian princess ruled wisely over her adopted Spain. She heeded the political counsels of the great men of the land. She brought about a period of comparative quiet whole object was to preserve the throne and the kingdom for her child.

### A Typical Prince.

Alfonso grew up a typical Spanish prince. He had the prominent, protruding lip as a legacy from that long line of Spanish kings who inherited this facial peculiarity from faraway Austrian princesses who married into the Spanish royal family.

The child could go into the famous Prado Gallery in Madrid, and in the Velasquez room could see the paintings of his distinguished ancestors, might have been painted of himself—the same long, oval face, the same dark eyes, the same strongly marked chin, the same Hapsburg lip.

His wise mother decided that not only was the boy's mind to be well furnished, but that his body should be toughened and hardened to fight any possibility of inherited disease. In his study hours he not only learned the history of his country, but German, French and English.

### Fearless Rider.

He liked English. He admired England's people. His Austrian mother encouraged him in this liking. She taught him that the safety of his country lay in the hands of the British.

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## CHINA'S PLANS FOR THE GOLD STANDARD.

## NANKING REPORTS STEADY PROGRESS.

## MINT ALMOST READY.

Nanking, Apr. 14.  
The preparations of the Nationalist Government for the introduction of a gold standard in China are proceeding steadily, though it is impossible to suggest when such a course will be possible.

The Finance Ministry, it is learned, has completely worked out its scheme for the unification of the country's currency, and when the monetary standards of the Provinces have been brought into line with Nanking's plans, the introduction of a gold standard will be an easy matter.

The new Government Mint at Shanghai is ready to begin operations as soon as orders come from Nanking. All coins in the country will gradually be replaced by those from the Shanghai Mint, which is expected to be working at full pressure within a few months.

The Finance Ministry is preparing, it is said, to introduce a gold standard regionally, and is now considering in which part of the country, the first experiment should be made.

## FATAL MOTOR BUS ACCIDENT.

## YOUNG CHINESE DIES FROM INJURIES.

Whilst driving a motor bus along Laichik Road, Shamshui-po, yesterday evening, Un Mul, a driver of the China Motor Bus Company, knocked down a young Chinese who suffered severe injuries, from which he died after admission to the Kowloon Hospital.

The driver states in a report to the police that he was driving bus No. 668 along Laichik Road at 7.30 p.m. yesterday and on passing Yuen Chau Street, a young Chinese, Cheung Wai-tuen, aged 18 years, a cook residing at the See Hop Cheong matchbox, Yuen Chau Street, suddenly ran across the road. He was knocked down before the bus driver could avoid him and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died at 10.20 p.m.

## SOUTHAMPTON PORT SCHEME.

## TO COST QUARTER OF A MILLION.

London, Apr. 14.  
Within a few weeks, operations are to begin to give the deep water channel at Southampton a uniform width of 1,000 feet. At present the channel is 35 feet deep at low water and narrows to 800 feet from Fawley Beacon to the docks. The new scheme will cost no less than £240,000. It is part of a plan for preparing the port to receive even bigger liners. Work will also begin shortly on the new dock to house the new 73,000-ton Cunard liner now under construction. This dock will be 1,200 feet long and 135 feet wide, a depth of 45 feet.—British Wireless.

## LORD IRWIN BEGINS JOURNEY HOME.

## SEEING GANDHI BEFORE DEPARTURE.

New Delhi, Apr. 14.  
Lord and Lady Irwin were on a magnificent sand-off when they left for Bombay to-day, en route to England. Gandhi is seeing the viceroy at Bombay on Thursday.—Routier.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory has issued the following forecast for the week ending April 20th. A depression will move in from the west, bringing rain and a fall in temperature. The weather will be generally unsettled.



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**THE AMBULANCES  
PROBLEM.**  
ROTARY CLUB TO SPONSOR  
IMPROVEMENT.  
SCHEME FOR FUNDS.

The Community Service Com-  
mittee of the Hongkong Rotary  
Club, having interested them-  
selves in ambulance service  
through their Chairman, Rotarian  
E. G. Powell, who gave an account  
of conversations held and the  
evolution of a scheme to provide  
more ambulances and give a more  
efficient service, at the Club's  
weekly meeting, which was held in  
Lane Crawford's Restaurant yester-  
day. The Hon. Mr. S. W. T'ao  
presided.

The chairman announced that a  
Rotary Club had been formed at  
Hankow, and that a telegram of  
congratulation had been despatched.

He welcomed General A. S. Wong,  
from Canton, and Mr. Ho Kong-  
tong, of Hongkong, expressing the  
hope that General Wong would  
start a Rotary Club in Canton when  
he returned there.

The Chairman welcomed the  
following new members, Rotarians  
N. M. Currie, B. C. Field, P. H.  
Suckling and C. S. Wang.

Addressing the gathering on  
"Community Service," Rotarian  
E. G. Powell said:—I cannot  
help feeling much out of  
place in speaking about community  
service, when I realise I am such  
a newcomer to this community.  
The only reason I have for doing  
so is that when the various Club  
Committees were being formed,  
our President asked me to serve on  
the Community Service Committee  
as chairman. I protested, and said  
I did not know the community, but  
our President requested me to serve  
in that capacity and so help with  
the organisation of the Club.

Then, before calling the Com-  
munity Service Committee together,  
I began to look for some likely  
piece of community service that  
might appeal to the Club. Just  
about that time—about the end of  
December—there appeared in the  
South China Morning Post an  
article entitled "An Ambulance  
Service." The Editor, in that  
article, made several suggestions  
for obtaining in the Colony an im-  
proved ambulance service—sub-  
mitting that with Government and  
private effort it could be done.

**Enquiries Started.**  
I called the attention of the Pre-  
sident to the article and asked if  
I might make enquiries into this  
on behalf of the Club. The Pre-  
sident, having read the article, con-  
sented to my doing so. I first saw  
the Editor of the Morning Post,  
who gave me all the information

he had, and directed me to pursue  
further enquiries with Mr. Alfred  
Morris, the Assistant Commissioner  
of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

I interviewed Mr. Morris, who  
promised to send a statement de-  
tailing the position and prospects  
of the Brigade. In the statement  
Mr. Morris said, "I have visions  
and hopes of a permanent head-  
quarters, with suitable garage, and  
accommodation for staff and officers.  
All this has been mooted and in  
even now taking definite shape. It  
will be well to point out that the  
Brigade has been working and ex-  
panding for the last 15 years, and  
is indebted to the Chinese com-  
munity and the patronage of suc-  
ceeding Governments for its present  
status. The Brigade has obtained  
from the Government the use of  
accommodation for two motor am-  
bulances, the accommodation ad-  
joining the Eastern District  
Sanitary Department offices at  
Wanchai. The garage can house  
personnel and also provide room  
for hand ambulances."

Mr. Morris gives details of the  
equipment and personnel necessary  
for the new station and estimates  
the cost. This statement was sub-  
mitted to the Inspector General of  
Police for his comments.

**Mr. Wolfe's View.**

Mr. Wolfe said, "I consider a good  
deal of expense may be saved if an  
arrangement were made whereby  
the two ambulance services, the St.  
John and the Government, could  
co-operate. I am satisfied that from  
a working point of view the St.  
John Brigade would do more good  
by running their ambulances in  
conjunction with the Fire Brigade  
than by running them independ-  
ently. So far, the St. John Ambulance  
Brigade have shown every desire  
to co-operate."

"It is obvious that to get an ef-  
fective ambulance service the actual  
running service should be under one  
control, and that is what I should  
advocate. Even if the St. John  
wish to run their own service they  
could do so quite satisfactorily from  
our point of view, provided it was  
arranged that the ambulances be  
applied for at the Central Fire  
Brigade Station, and that, in the  
event of the Fire Brigade ambulance  
being out, a telephone message  
would be sent to the St. John  
Brigade Station, requesting them to  
send an ambulance to the place re-  
quired. There are a number of  
points I should like to discuss with  
the Assistant Commissioner of St.  
John Brigade, if he wishes to  
obtain the utmost efficiency as re-  
gards ambulance services and co-  
ordination. I suggest, therefore,  
we should meet you and discuss  
the matter more fully."

**Discussion at Meeting.**

A meeting was arranged on  
March 17, at Police Headquarters,  
Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Morris and myself  
being present. Mr. Wolfe gave much  
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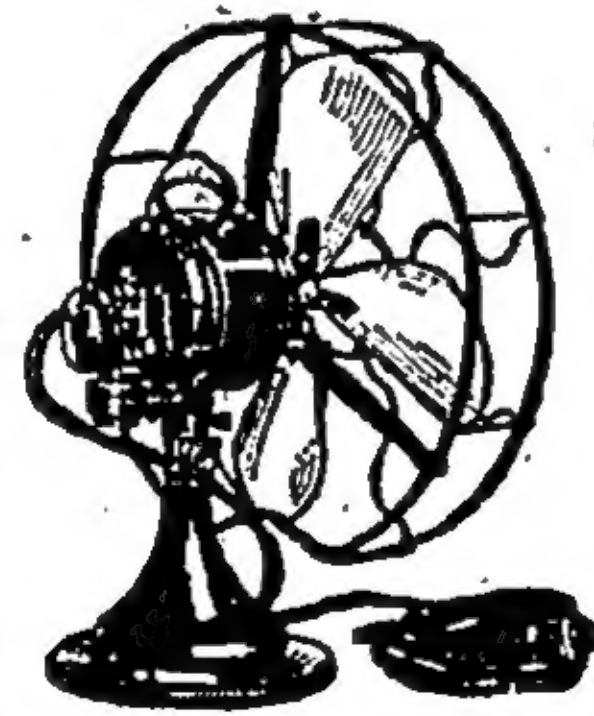
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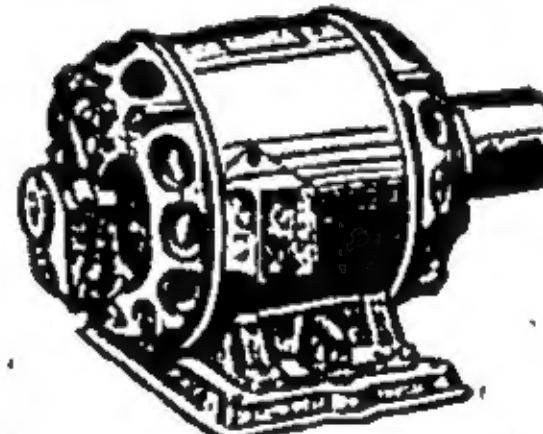
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The Prince taking a cine picture on his tour of S. America. (Times picture.)



The Prince of Wales examining the inscriptions on the famous "Doorway of the Sun" at Tiahuanaco.



Andrew Volstead, who gave his name to the prohibition statute, is ill.



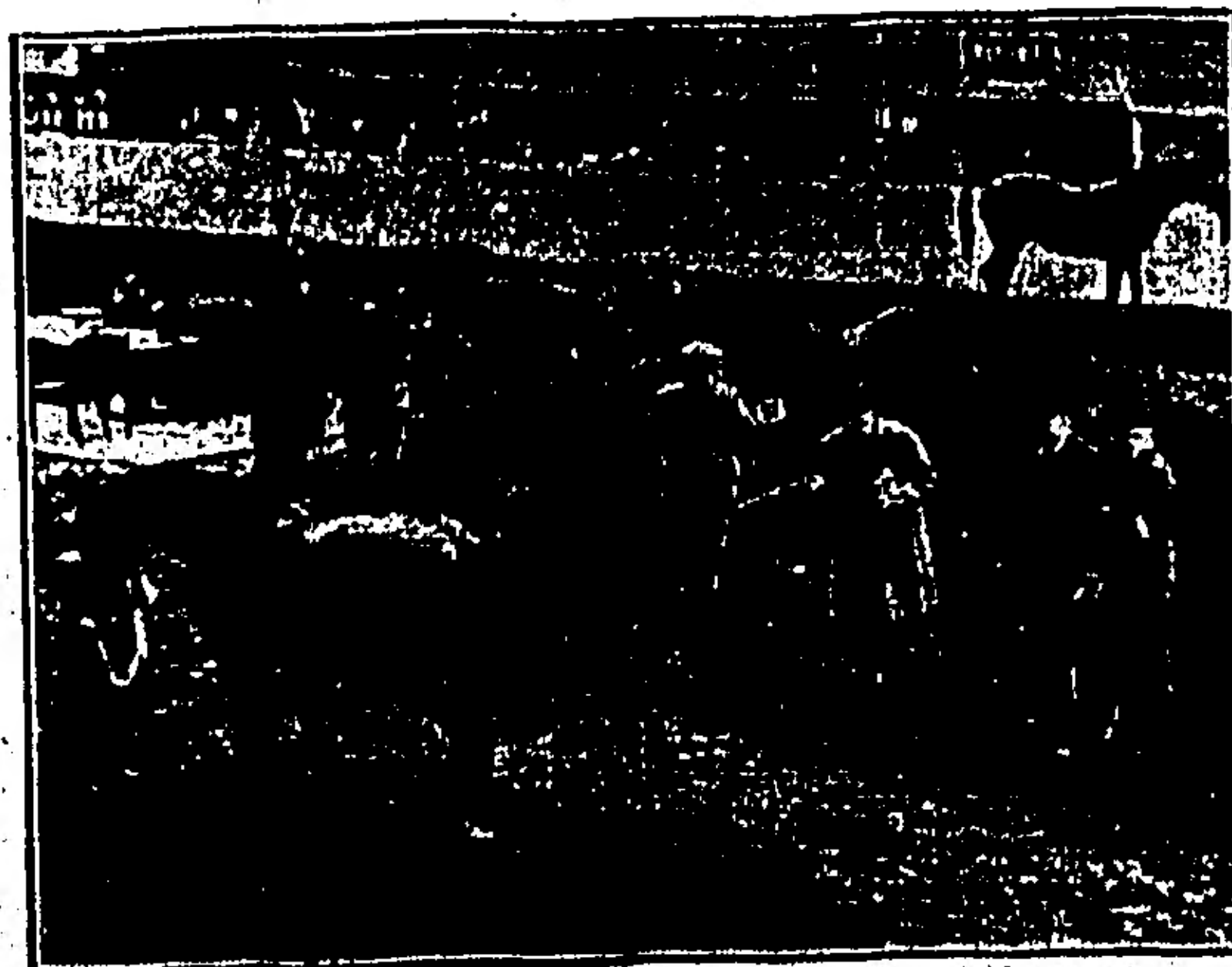
Isador Kresel, Director of the Bank of the United States, arrested.



Scarcely had the Prince of Wales left Peru on their South American tour than another revolt flared in that troubled country. This picture, from Callao, shows troops of the provisional regime and citizen volunteers preparing for action.



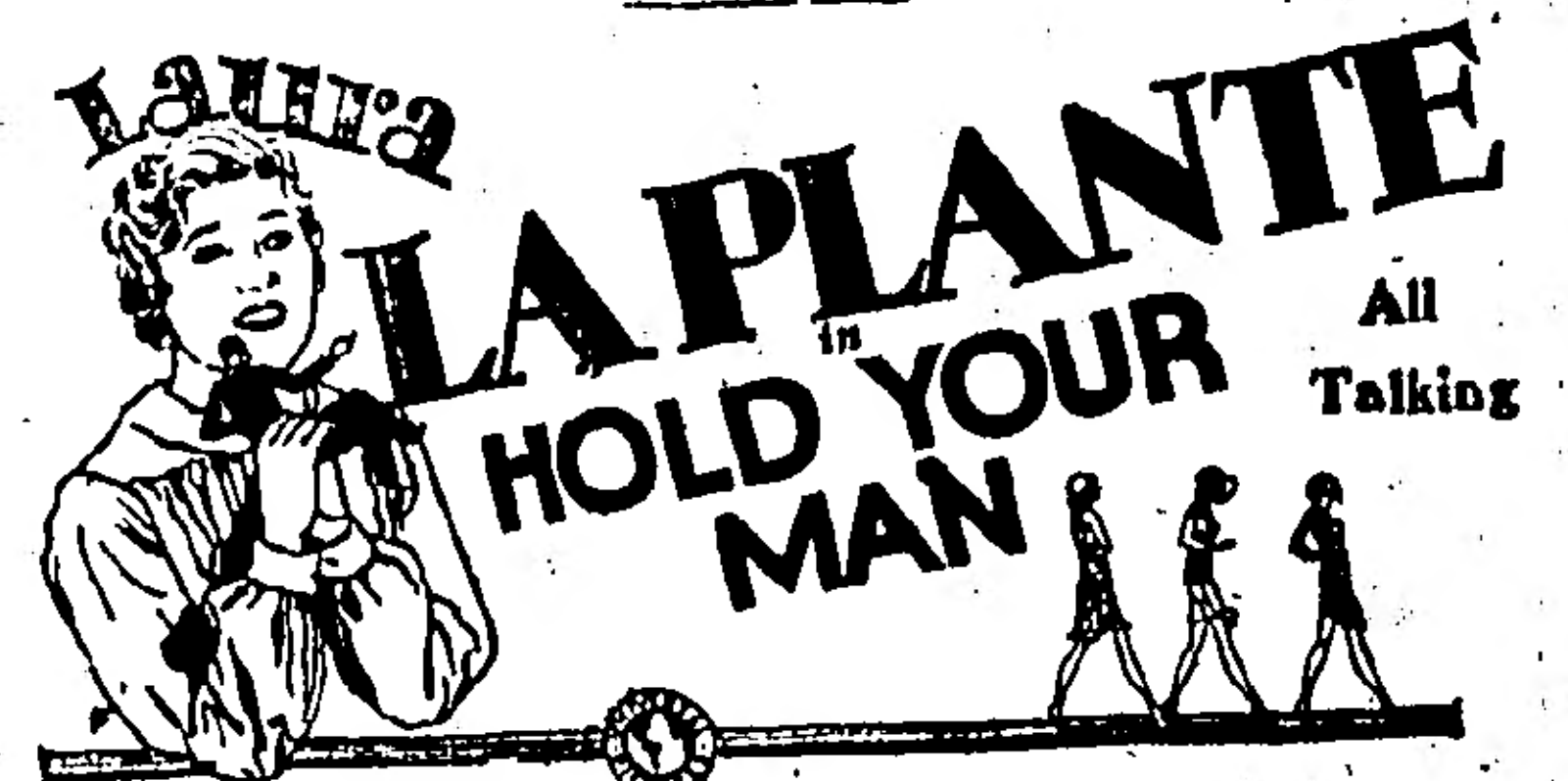
Rockless riding took huge crowds to Madison Square Garden to witness the international six-day bicycle race. Here the riders are lined up for the start.



The judging ring at the 47th annual spring show of the National Light Horse Breeding Society, opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall recently.

## AMUSEMENTS

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## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN  
NEXT MONTH.

Attention is drawn to the St. John Ambulance Brigade concert, which is to take place at King's College, on May 2nd. As this is the first concert to be given by the Brigade and the programme is an exceptionally good one, it is hoped that the public will show their appreciation of the services rendered to the Colony by the Brigade, by giving it their support.

There is seating accommodation for 1,000 in the Hall of King's College, and it is hoped that every seat will be taken. It will probably be Dick Barry's last public appearance before leaving for England.

The services rendered by the members of the Brigade are illuminating to those who have little conception of the work being done: 90,000 persons have been vaccinated during the present campaign (Oct. to April). Four nurses vaccinated 214 children one Sunday morning. The Colony, largely owes immunity to small-pox to the vaccination campaigns conducted by the brigade during recent years.

Over 200 street accident cases were treated in 1930; and more than 20 fires attended.

The St. John Motor Ambulance carried 1,036 cases in seven months. Another ambulance is being built, and it is hoped to provide one for the New Territories at a later date.

The establishment of street dressing stations is under contemplation. Hitherto the Brigade has been maintained by subscriptions, chiefly from the Chinese community, but, owing to the increasing demands made upon it by the public, who irrespective of race, creed, or nationality, receive help when necessary, the Brigade is compelled to appeal for more generous assistance. Equipment and medical stores alone are a very heavy item, especially at the present rate of exchange.

It is only by seeing the St. John Motor Ambulance (No. 36) on the road every day that the average person realises the assistance given to the Colony by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

By patronising the Concert supporters will be contributing towards the cost of a new ambulance, and doing one's share "For Humanity's Sake."

## THE SUGAR CRISIS.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PLAN FOR RELIEF.

Paris, Apr. 14. The International Conference of Sugar Exporters has passed a resolution, firstly, for the automatic release of 225,000 tons of sugar if the price reaches two cents f.o.b. in Cuba; secondly, for the optional release of two and a half per cent. at 2 1/2 cents; and, thirdly, for the compulsory release of 225,000 or 112,500 tons at 2 1/2 cents, depending on whether the quota of 2 1/2 per cent. had been released at 2 1/2 cents.—*Reuter*.

## Final Agreement.

London, Apr. 14. No official statement is issued, but it is learned that a final agreement has been reached at Paris on the Chadbourne sugar restriction scheme, which will be ratified at Brussels within the next fortnight.

It is understood that Mr. Francis Powell, the chairman of the Anglo-American Oil Company will be invited to be the president of the international committee which will have the duty of carrying out the new export restriction programme. The seat of the permanent council will be at the Hague.

Votes allotted the countries represented are as follows: Cuba, 35; Java, 30; Czechoslovakia, 8; Germany and Poland, 6 each; Hungary, 3; Belgium, 2.—*Reuter*.

## Australian Embargo Renewed.

Canberra, Apr. 14. The Federal Government has renewed the sugar embargo for a further five years.—*Reuter*.

## WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

### Two Smart Evening Models.



The popular Clara Bow wears a chic evening gown of gold lame, with the scarf effect over the left shoulder, tight bodice and full skirt.



Of sheer black lace, cut décolletage, with long, full skirt, with basque effect at the hip-line worn by Kay Francis.

## TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

### Doughnuts for Tea.

Most people are fond of doughnuts, and they are really not very difficult to make.

Required: 6 ozs. flour; 2 ozs. castor sugar; 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla; 1 teaspoonful baking powder; 1 egg; a little milk; jam. Before you begin to make your doughnuts put some lard into a small saucepan ready for frying, and sprinkle some castor sugar on a piece of grease-proof paper.

1. Sieve the flour.

2. Beat up the egg and add the sugar, flour, baking powder, and vanilla to it, and enough milk to make into a stiff paste.

3. Divide the mixture into small pieces, and on each piece put half a teaspoonful of jam. Fold the edges of the pieces together so that the jam is in the middle.

4. Heat the lard—when melted it should half fill the saucepan.

5. Drop the doughnuts two at a time into the saucepan, and fry until golden brown all over.

6. Lift out carefully on a spoon, and roll the doughnuts on the greaseproof paper so that they are covered with sugar.

## SEED CAKE.

The weight of three eggs in butter and sugar, the weight of 1 egg is ordinary flour, the weight of 2 eggs in cornflour. One teaspoonful of baking powder, 2 teaspoonfuls of cold water, 2 teaspoonfuls of caraway seeds.

Beat butter and sugar together; gradually add the flour with the eggs—one at a time—and add the baking powder with the last lot of the flour. Lastly, add the water. Mix well, and bake for three-quarters of an hour. A large-sized sandwich tin is best to use, lined with greased paper.

## THE COIFFURE PROBLEM.

### Useful Hints by Alicia Hart.

Last year the problem was whether to let your hair stay short or grown long. New flowing gowns certainly encourage long tresses, softer lines and more hair showing around the face.

With a year's perspective, the coiffure problem has shifted itself about down to this. The young things are letting their hair grow. The older women are keeping their hair short but letting it grow into a much softer and longer bob than they used to have.

It is natural for the youngsters to want long hair. They've never had it. The thrill of kicking long skirts out of their way on to the ballroom floor is made more exciting by having a soft snood of hair—quite in grown-up manner, most—flow on their necks, or soft curls bobbing here and there.

But for older women who regained about 10 years of their lost youth when the bob came in and made them a present of those years, the bob seems to be far more permanent than most waves by that name.

The long-haired young woman can have lots of fun trying to decide how to wear her hair. Bangs are all right, if they curl, but off the forehead is the general rule for coiffures that should be observed. Parts should be on the side of the face that is not the more regular of the two, the less beautiful side. Parts should slant back in a line compatible with the nose line.

For the older women who maintain their independence and their bobs, just a word of advice. The closely shorn bob, the bob with sideburns, the bob that looks precisely

## BANANA SWEETS.

### Ivory Cream.

Peel and mash five large bananas till quite smooth, then beat in five teaspoonfuls of icing sugar, and mix with the banana pulp. Dissolve a packet of orange jelly in 3/4 pint of hot water. Let it cool, then stir in the cream mixture, pour into a wetted mould, and leave till cold. Serve with whipped cream.

### Banana and Chocolate Cream.

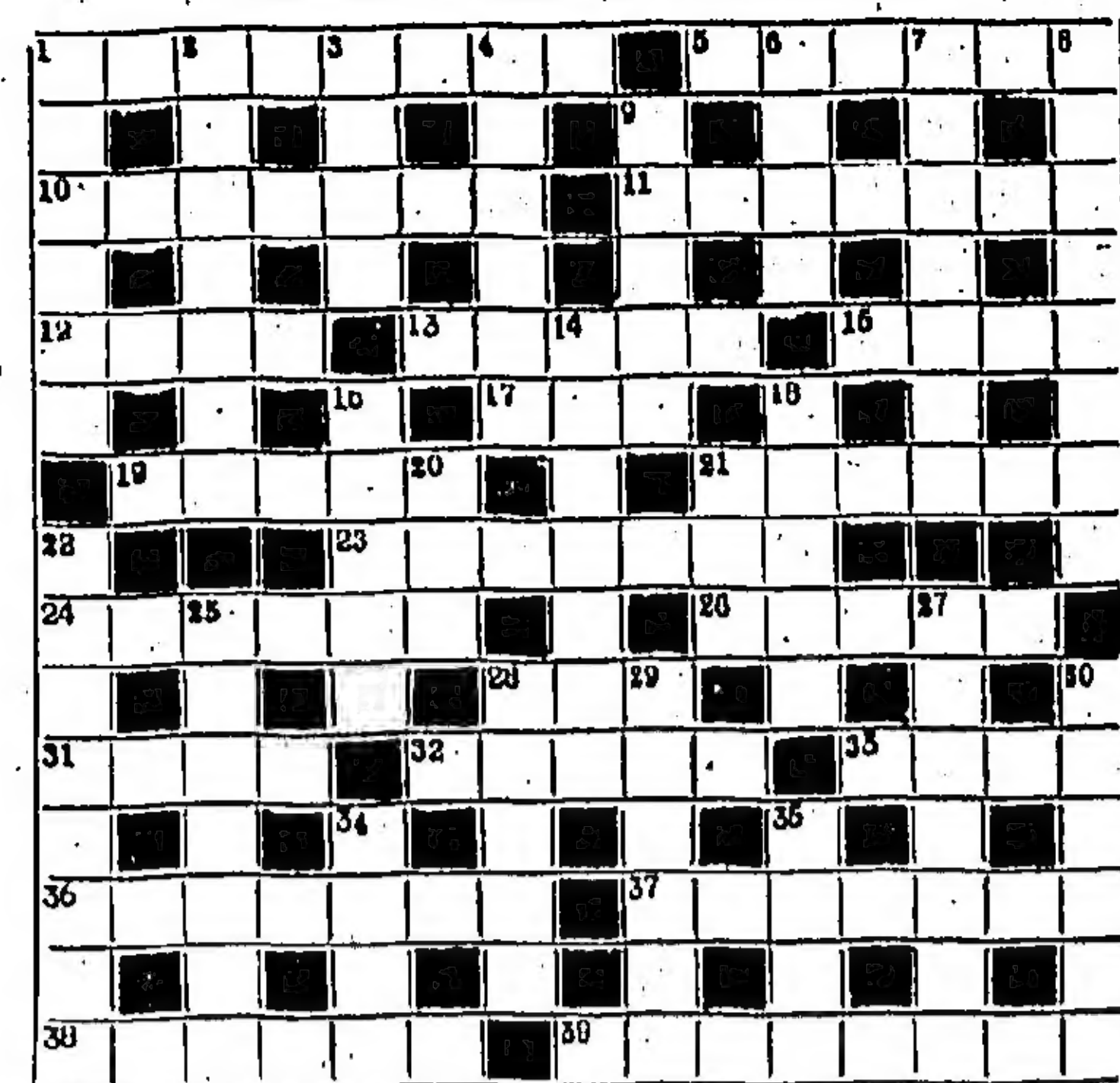
Peel and slice three or four fairly large bananas, and place them in a dish. Then make a pint of boiled custard, and add to it a large tablespoonful of powdered chocolate, a few drops of vanilla, and a small lump of fresh butter. Stir well, let cool, and then pour the mixture over the bananas. Sprinkle the top with a little desiccated coco-nut. Serve when cold.

like a man's, is no longer feasible, if it ever was in the best taste.

Take a lesson from the softer colors and necklines, the more decorative sleeves, the flowing spirit, the lace trims and hats. Let your hair grow long enough to shape softly to the head. And you can make it shape if you take time enough to train it.

But, don't think last year's bob will last you just as it is. Some way or other, by hook or crook, get your hair up from your forehead. Not too far. Older women cannot stand bare foreheads half so easily as younger ones. But get it up a bit. And get it curled if it is stringy. You can take your pick, do your best to make it naturally curly, or have a permanent. But if it is distinctive straight hair, for pity's sake leave it as it is and contrive to get a satisfactory coiffure.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- One of a trinity who underwent a fiery trial.
  - A woman's name associated with those possessing housewifely attributes.
  - Having occasion for has a familiar sound to the baker.
  - Pertaining to masonry.
  - Sharp.
  - These are equally in the right place when floating in the breeze or being trodden underfoot.
  - A cartoonist can be quite happy though drawing a long one.
  - The age of Perak.
  - Why must Ernest drag a terrible old thing like that out, Sam? (hidden).
  - Relationship of Nun to Joshua.
  - "As I need" something aromatic, here it is (anagram).
  - This Portuguese colony would be in Turkey if the last letter but one were changed.
  - Name of Shakespeare's own theatre, which came to a fiery—
  - This in 1613.
  - "The loads went pop, the frogs went hop—dash into the water."
  - To say that this has a yellow streak (though an understatement) does not do its courage justice.
  - Scottish watering-place.
  - Another of the trinity referred to in 1 across.
  - A toddler was a this first, and so is a worm.
  - In "more haste, less speed," the second half is the this of the first.
  - To declare sounds of little weight—wherever the declaimer is.

## Down

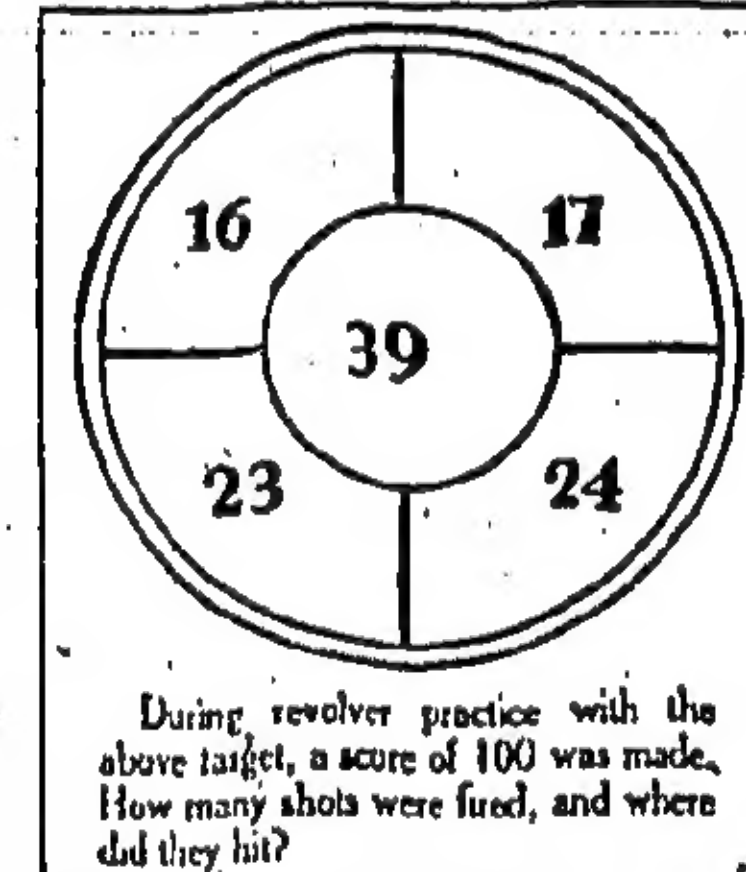
- This 2 down is enjoyed by the members of many associations—county and otherwise.
- "Now came still—on, and twilight grey Had in her sober livery all things clad."—"Paradise Lost."
- In France this succeeds 2 down.
- Immaturity's expression of mirth.

- This part of a church will pass by degrees after half a century.
- A famous translator of the Bible.
- These lived in remote times.
- This letter is the last.
- Growing from an insurrection.
- Although at first glance one might not think so, this country depends on the lady for its very existence.
- What the workhouse master aimed at Oliver Twist when he asked for more in remote times.
- Princess—became the Queen who left England this week to return home.
- No one likes being taken down a this.
- One who ran at first, but eventually pays the price.
- There are necessary to the constabulary and the publican—and to many others.
- Led by a little child, this ancient city fell in ruins long, long ago.
- A racing crew.
- Its found under the bush a very fine necklace inside a condensed milk tin (hidden).
- Freedom of access, between the courses.
- A little matter between Jack and Jill.
- Start to make the pudding when I say "Go."

## Yesterday's Solution

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P L A S I N E N L Y  
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A L E S U C H T A C K L E  
N I N E S O O M S  
S T E D E C L A M A T I O N

## STICKERS



Doing revolver practice with the above target, a score of 100 was made. How many shots were fired, and where did they hit?

## NANKING'S BUDGET.

A BIG DEFICIT LIKELY THIS YEAR.

Nanking, Apr. 14. It is officially announced that the military and civil expenditure for 1931 is estimated at over \$600,000,000, of which 90 per cent. will be devoted to the maintenance of military units. The Government is, Kiangsi and Hunan.

## Yesterday's Solution

MEN JOKE, AND SO WIN TRUSTY, PRAISE.  
MANY A TRUE WORD IS SPOKEN IN JEST.  
The letters from the top two lines, when properly reconstructed, will spell the well-known eight-word phrase shown in the lower two lines.

optimistic as regards the receipts of the Chinese Maritime Customs following the introduction of new schedules. There is every indication that the figures of 1930 will be surpassed.

Although the Government has postponed the enforcement of the new salt tax, the reorganisation of the salt tax bureau is proceeding and Nanking is expecting to receive about \$200,000,000 from salt taxes. Contrasting revenue and expenditure, the Government estimates a Treasury deficit of about \$100,000,000.

Commenting on the budget, a military official states that the huge military expenses are required because of the military operations against Communist bandits in Kiangsi and Hunan.

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



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| I'm painting the clouds with sunshine    | Jesse Crawford       |
| 22242—Tip-toe-thru' the Tulips (Organ)   | Jesse Crawford       |
| Chant of the Jungle                      | Gracie Fields        |
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### "Say It With Songs"

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1425—Little Pal                           | John McCormack           |
| I Love to hear you singing                | Jesse Crawford           |
| 21951—Little Pal (Organ)                  | Jesse Crawford           |
| Why Can't You?                            | Gene Austin              |
| 21952—Little Pal                          | Gene Austin              |
| Why Can't You?                            | Shilker-Victor Orchestra |
| 21953—Why Can't You?                      | "Used to you             |
| 21954—Little Pal                          | "Olsen's Music           |
| I'm in Seventh Heaven                     | Arnheim's Orchestra      |
| 22056—Now I'm in Love                     | Arnheim's Orchestra      |
| One Sweet Kiss                            | Paul Oliver              |
| 22091—When you come to the end of the day | Paul Oliver              |
| Mem'ries of One Sweet Kiss                | "                        |

### "What a Widow"

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1931.

### CLIMATE TOO OFTEN BLAMED.

People who live in the tropics or sub-tropics are apt, when suffering mental or physical disorders, to blame the climate. Here in Hongkong, most of us know the type of individual who adopts this attitude. It is interesting, therefore, to note some extremely illuminating observations recently made by Dr. G. Waugh-Scott, the new President of the Malayan branch of the British Medical Association, during the course of his presidential address, in which he took "Mental Hygiene in the Tropics" as his subject. We have not the space to devote to many of the points which this medical man made, and will have to content ourselves with one which is of more than passing interest—namely, the baneful effects on the mind of failure to undertake creative work for the good of those amongst whom we live. Before coming to it, let us point out that Dr. Waugh-Scott contends that the malign influence of climate in the tropics is greatly exaggerated, holding that the fault is usually with ourselves.

The theme to which Dr. Waugh-Scott devoted himself was a consideration of some of the directions in which the life conditions imposed on people in the tropics, or which they impose upon themselves, are psychologically unsatisfactory and potentially dangerous. First amongst these he placed the question of service for others. It might be thought that this urge could be neglected with impunity, but the authority quoted disputes this view. He points out that in places with a population largely made up of overseers and officials, and of others who regard themselves as mere sojourners, the conception of work in the service of the community as a duty is often lost sight of. This means that an important instinctive urge which only finds its full satisfaction in such work finds no expression and to some extent impairs full mental health. According to this medical man, what is lost in contentment of mind through lack of civic pride, local patriotism and sympathetic interest in the welfare of those among whom people in the tropics live, is difficult to assess, but there can be no doubt about the loss. The canker of social and racial aloofness must bear

a share of the blame. For this reason, organisations and agencies which exist for the general welfare are to be commended and encouraged, not only for the sake of those for whose benefit they are run, but also for the mental contentment which they bring to those who run them. "There is," says this doctor, "no greater enemy to mental peace than the feeling of being useless to anyone except oneself in the world, and there is no more potent cure for such a feeling than the spending of a proper part of one's time and talents in freely-given service to others." C. E. Montague has written of the "misery of those who have failed to save themselves from the baseness of taking from the world more than they give it," and it was a famous physician whose prescription for his neurasthenic patients was that they should spend a week trying to make the people they lived with happier. The want of outlet for the altruistic needs of our nature is cited by Dr. Waugh-Scott as largely responsible for the futile search for happiness in pleasure and excitement, and he adds that "no degree of skill attained at games, no number of successful bets made, none of the joys of eating or drinking, can bring the satisfaction of spirit to be found in steady, devoted work for the general weal."

There are many other aspects of Dr. Waugh-Scott's address which we should like to have touched upon, but we will conclude with the following rules which he heartily recommends for people who live in the tropics: "Cultivate emotional control. Conscious suppression is a source of strength. "Accustom yourself to endure slights, criticism and even abuse. "Control your thinking. Never let the attention dwell on the useless or painful. "Practice. If a thing is difficult to do, but desirable, exercise yourself in it. Skill will soon develop. "Imitate good models, make friends of the people you want to resemble in character and keep away from others. "Do not act from motives such as jealousy, anger or hatred. "Have a goal in view. Know what you want to accomplish, to-day, to-morrow, next month and in the next ten years."

### Bimetallism.

"He would be a bold man," said Lord Goschen in 1876, "who would withdraw silver from that partnership with gold by means of which a sufficient supply of currency has been furnished for the whole globe." Appearing to contain a moral and a warning to the world's economic leaders to-day, the quotation prefaces an exceedingly interesting article on the silver crisis from the pen of Mr. Charles Thomas, an American expert, who argues the case for bimetallism. At the outset, he shows clearly that until 1816 bimetallism was recognised without serious dissent as the basis of all human activities, and that the historical ratio of about 14 to 1 conforms to the prevailing rate of output. Britain's decision to discard the silver pound in 1816 commenced the successive assaults upon bimetallism, every one of which has been promptly succeeded by a widespread and protracted economic depression. Stage by stage the face of the monetary world has been altered, silver has constantly receded in value, till it now stands rarely above the financial horizon. Values have been wiped out, exchanges revolutionised, and credits multiplied until the monetary systems of the bulk of the world, resting on gold, have become vast inverted pyramids of constantly increasing proportions threatening a cataclysm that must shake the world. Some interesting facts are quoted regarding the collapse of silver in 1919 after it had reached such a phenomenal mark that the Hongkong dollar was quoted at over six shillings. Mr. Thomas reveals that the break was brought about directly by the American Government, which carried out a deliberate campaign for destroying the market, and then refused to repurchase the bullion employed for the manoeuvre. Within a year, he says, came the grim harvest. American agriculture collapsed. Farm relief

## DAY BY DAY

IT IS THE JUST DECREE OF HEAVEN THAT A TRAITOR NEVER SEES HIS DANGER UNTIL HIS RUIN IS AT HAND. —Metastasio.

The Ben Line s.s. Bennevis, from Home via Straits and Manila, is due here about the 24th instant.

Passengers who left by the Blue Funnel liner Hector, yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kinnaird, and Mr. V. Walker.

Through falling on a quantity of broken earthenware in Bullock Street where he was playing, a Chinese, Yu Ming-yeung, of 111, Wanchai Road, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a badly cut right wrist.

The return of notifiable diseases for the past week shows three cases of diphtheria (two fatal), two of typhoid (non-fatal), one of puerperal fever (fatal) and one of cerebro-spinal fever (non-fatal). There were also 44 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Injuries received in a fall down a bank, a height of 15 feet, caused the death of Lo See, aged 54, a woman who was gathering dead tree branches on Stubbs Road yesterday. She was rushed to the Government Civil Hospital at 2.30 p.m., but died three hours later.

An attractive instrumental and vocal concert is announced to be held at the Canton Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night. The proceeds are for the benefit of the International Women's Club of Canton to be devoted to the free clinics run under the auspices of the club where mothers are taught the care and feeding of infants, home sanitation and hygiene. The instrumentalists are the well-known Lingnan trio; Mrs. Arthur R. Knipp, Miss Gertrude Henderson, and Mrs. G. Wiedman Groff, while the soloist is Mr. H. E. Foster-Hall, accompanied by Miss Katharine Jacobson.

became an acute problem, and has never since been solved. Britain then added to the troubles, the bare announcement of the India committee's gold standard recommendations being sufficient to produce the catastrophic fall in silver values which may not have ended even now. In establishing the gold standard, it is argued, the world's bankers have brought the world's economic structure to the verge of ruin till gold itself is cracking under the strain of a colossal burden of credit and must collapse unless relief soon appears. The remedy is at hand if the leading countries of the world will avail themselves of it. The machinery for organising an International Monetary Conference is written into American statutes. There is nothing to prevent Britain from co-operating wholeheartedly. Indeed, the British Government, with immense interests in the Far East, has the most to gain and the least to lose. As with the Mission now in Hongkong studying our currency problem, it is first necessary to disregard the counsel of those interests and influences which have effected the present entanglements, before solution can be found in the one case, and in the other, before a real effort can be made to place gold and silver upon a common monetary basis, and once again open up the highways to progress.



"Oh, he's going to be a lawyer? Why, I was just going to suggest that very thing."

## Jmz Ukxxsz Avzpz Tc

By PUZZLESMITH (in the Monitor). Dojtgc.

PUZZLED? Yet you can solve it very easily if you know how. As old as the riddle, cipher writing—now popular in the form of cryptogram puzzles—was used in ancient times as a secret code for messages of importance. The Greeks, the Syracusans, the Carthaginians, the Jews, and the Romans, notably Julius Caesar and Augustus, used the cryptogram.

Edgar Allan Poe was the first American author to make use of the cryptogram in a story, according to "Primrose," who holds among members of the National Puzzlers' League an enviable 100 per cent. record for solving over a thousand "crypts," straight running. In Poe's story, "The Gold Bug," the entire plot centres around the solution of a cryptogram, and the author successfully solved every example, numbering over 100, which was sent him through Graham's Magazine in 1841. Of cryptograms Poe said: "It may well be doubted whether human ingenuity can construct an enigma of this kind which human ingenuity may not, by proper application, resolve."

In Puzzledom to-day the cryptogram is a puzzle in cipher, and is commonly composed of a sentence of varying length, in which each letter is represented by another letter, but always the same letter throughout. Occasionally characters are used instead of letters, but the rule is carried out in the same way. As a cryptogram should be perfectly fair, should be in grammatical English, properly punctuated, and should contain about ninety letters, I hasten to add to the title:

Ukxxsz? Lzj lqk odc iganz tj nuzl dzial tj lqk acgp mqp.

Still puzzled? Possibly by reading over the first line or two of this article you may find a clue which will aid you in solving this cryptogram.

As a member of the Puzzlers' League, I have been asked many times, "What kind of puzzles do you solve? Do they tackle anything besides crossword puzzles?" It was with a desire to learn for myself the answer to just these questions that I first joined the Krewes. Crossword puzzles, I have found, are considered rather too simple. Indeed, of late, this form of puzzling has descended to a mere race against time, success being measured not in terms of mere solution, but of rapidity of solution.

But again, what sort of puzzles do these puzzlers like to puzzle over? Recent copies of the Enigma, official organ of the league, would seem to indicate that Puzzle-dom finds interest in all sorts of perplexities, for it contains puzzleistic references to rhomboids, pyramids, heptagons, diamonds, squares, hexagons, trapezoids, lozenges, and many other forms upon which the forist group build their tricky words. Take, for example, this hexadecagon:

In a way this resembles the crossword, in that the dots are to be replaced by letters, forming words, in accordance with the following definitions: 1. To command. 2. Single. 3. Large knives. 4. Repeating to the study of plants. 5. Inert. 6. Tithed. 7. In the Shell and Orkney Islands, crown taxes for pasture, etc., on commons. 8. Devoured. 9. Induced.

While these form puzzles occupy the time of a large group in the league the flatists—those who champion the charades, homonyms, transposals, deletions, rebuses, and anagrams—contribute greatly to the task of puzzling a puzzler. And they enjoy puzzling each other. One puzzler recently composed the following rebuses:

Unun.

A paradox is brought to you: Connect the UN's before your blow. Then disconnected they will be. When you have solved the mystery.

That's too much for you? It didn't take the puzzlers long to catch on that the "hidden" word was "uncoupled."

Back in the gold rush days of our grandfathers, the following rebuses would have been a most popular one. Perhaps you can guess it:

RRRRRRR  
RRRRRRR  
RRRRRRR  
RRRRRRR  
RRRRRRR  
RRRRRRR

Count the R's. Perhaps that will help you.

But while rebuses tax the puzzling ability of many a puzzler, it is the anagram that holds, deservedly, one of the highest ranks among the puzzleistic fraternity. To many, anagrams is a letter game—played during childhood days—and recently dusted off and brought to light again. But among real puzzlers making an anagram consists of transposing the letters of a word or phrase so as to produce another word or phrase that has a meaning similar to that of the original.

Perhaps one of the best examples of a true anagram—and good anagrams are chiefly notable for their feyness—is that composed by a veteran puzzler who transposed THE EYES TO THEY SEE. And so I leave to you the solving of the following anagram, which recently appeared in the Enigma, and which for radio listeners, at least, should not prove very difficult:

AMOS, ANDY ARE POOR, EXPE CT TO FARE RICH; CLAIM FAITH IN CAB.

Verse puzzles also find popular support among the Krewes, these usually being submitted as transposals, phonetic charades, trans-deletions, linkades, alphagrams, and heteronyms. Difficult as many of these have been for the Krewes to solve, a number of poetical contributions appearing in the Enigma during the last six months have had even the best of puzzlers puzzled. These were all signed "Pennsylvania," and, according to Arty Eas, official editor, were all posted from the Quaker State. Every effort to identify this new puzzler seemed in vain, and the contributions finally ended in this manner:

Pennultimate.

The masquerade is ending,  
The curtain soon will fall;  
But one more act impending,  
And then—well, then, that's all!

I've had poor Arty guessing,  
He knows not whom to blame;  
But soon I'll be confessing,  
And tell the Dom my name.

This verse only served to whet the curiosity of the puzzlers, and at their recent Baltimore convention they were all agog for a glimpse of this puzzler they had failed to solve. During the business meeting a telegram in verse arrived saying that Pennsylvania "quite... dirty" would "reach the Southern door by eleven thirty." Promptly at the time mentioned a "phone call" from the alleged "Pennsylvania" resulted in the sending of a committee to the lobby of the Southern Hotel to escort this "unknown" to the meeting.

The escorts (L. M. N. Terry and Orion—both Baltimoreans) finally returned—but where was Pennsylvania? "When we got down there," said Orion, "We looked around the lobby, but for the life of me I couldn't see anyone who looked extremely puzzled. Perhaps because I didn't look in a mirror. Finally, however, I caught a glimpse of Terry's badge. (All the puzzlers wore badges bearing their nom de plume.) There it was, as big as life, "PENNSYLVANIA." And thus was the hoax slipped over, and after many explanations from L. M. N. Terry, who had played the dual (Continued on Page 7.)



**K.R.A. TAKES UP PROBLEMS.****MANY MATTERS DEALT WITH BY COMMITTEE.****MONDAY'S MEETING.**

The first monthly meeting of the newly-constituted General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday night in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the following members being present:—Mr. F. C. B. Res (President), Messrs. E. C. B. Wylie, R. Pestonji, T. E. Levenson, W. Goldenburg, H. Percy, J. M. Alves, F. H. Crapnell, E. Tregillus, B. W. Tape, C. M. Manners, F. Stapleton, H. Un, D. Winton, L. D'Almeida e Castro and Mr. E. D. Matthews.

The President welcomed Messrs. Poooy and Munton on taking their seats on the committee for the first time, and the minutes of the last committee meeting were read and confirmed. The following sub-committees were then appointed:—Correspondence:—The President, Vice President and Hon. Secretary. Children's Playgrounds:—Messrs. W. J. Brown, J. M. Alves, and H. F. Un. Representation to N. T. Agricultural Association:—Mr. C. M. Manners & Co. L. D. Matthews. Representative to S. P. C. A.:—Mr. E. C. Tregillus. Bathing Benches:—Messrs. C. R. Biggs, H. Poooy and C. A. Manners.

**Government Salaries.**

A letter from the Colonial Secretary, advising that the Association's submission with regard to the Salaries Commission's recommendations had been duly laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies was read.

The letter stated, inter alia, that His Lordship had carefully considered the petition, and while it was not now possible to reconsider the adoption of the Commission's recommendations, the facts submitted would be borne in mind when considering the recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission, from whose labours it is hoped substantial savings may result.

**"Star" Ferry Approach.**

A letter from the Colonial Secretary enclosing a plan of the Government's scheme for re-organisation of traffic in this area and stating that private cars with drivers would be allowed to park for not more than twenty minutes in a space at the rear of the taxi stand was read, and the scheme discussed at length.

In the opinion of the Committee, the new system appeared to be working satisfactorily, but the fullest measure of success can only be obtained by the co-operation of pedestrians as well as vehicle drivers. While some inconvenience to individuals is to be expected from any scheme, it is to be remembered that the working of the present system is experimental and modifications as found necessary may be instituted.

The meeting considered the general safety of pedestrians to be well cared for under this scheme, provided the directions of the various notices were complied with, and they urged the re-organisation of the travelling public in general to this end.

It was decided to request that increased lighting be provided in the Car Park and the traffic area itself, and to recommend the provision of a rail along the unprotected portion of the sea front between the Ferry Pier and the Public Pier.

**Kowloon Post Office.**

Arising out of a letter from a member of the Association, the inadequate facilities at the Kowloon Post Office were discussed.

In view of the statement from Government last year that the financial position of the Colony did not permit of the erection of a larger Post Office, it was decided to request that at least the staff might be augmented and facilities more commensurate with the population of Kowloon thus be made possible.

Particular reference was made to the fact that Postal Orders of anything other than small denomination could not be cashed at this office, and for many other normal postal facilities such as postage of duty paid articles it was necessary to go to Hongkong.

**Bathing Benches.**

The subject of the decision of Government not to allot funds for the provision of bathing facilities on public benches, and the general question of bathing benches available in Kowloon was discussed at length, and it was agreed that the Association approach the Government on the matter.

Other questions dealt with included the provision of a car park at the Yau-mat Ferry, marketing facilities for fresh vegetables in

**LOADED REVOLVER SEIZED.****ACCUSED AND BOARDING HOUSE KEEPER.****MAXIMUM PENALTY.**

A revolver loaded in five chambers with seven extra rounds of ammunition were found by Inspector Andrew, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, in the possession of a Chinese when he visited the King Kee Boarding House on the central waterfront to confirm information previously sent to him. The establishment is what is officially termed a "third class boarding-house," of the type lodging poor emigrants. In a room where a number of people were lying on sleeping mats on the floor, the arrest was effected of the suspect.

The weapon and ammunition for which Inspector Andrew was looking was found concealed in a pile of clothes on a mat on which the man slept.

When questioned, the man said nothing about himself. "We cannot prove what his intentions were," commented Inspector Andrew in charging the man at the Central Police Court this morning. It was the first time the man had been in the Colony and he had not gone out of his lodging within the two days that he had been here.

The Court was asked to impose the maximum penalty, having regard to the fact that the weapon was kept fully loaded.

As to this, the accused when interrogated, told the Court that he was induced to have the cylinder fully charged by the proprietor of the boarding house, who pointed out the folly of keeping ammunition in a separate parcel, when bulkiness could be saved by transferring five rounds to the cylinder.

Inspector Andrew said the man had told him this story. He had gone into the matter fully with the proprietor who denied having given the advice alleged. "As a matter of fact," added the Inspector, "this man has reason to think that the proprietor has something to do with his arrest."

The maximum sentence of a year's hard labour was inflicted by Mr. Schofield.

**BRITISH HEALTH PROBLEMS.****MATERNAL MORTALITY TO BE TACKLED.**

London, Apr. 14.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Minister of Health, Mr. Greenwood, referring to the problem of housing, said there were ten thousand more houses under construction now than a year ago.

He spoke with satisfaction of the smoothness with which the transfer of the Poor Law function from Boards of Guardians to local authorities with a view to securing their co-operation in dealing with the problem of maternal mortality. The present death-rate in child-birth in the country was higher than in the existing state of knowledge, the public could continue to tolerate.—*British Wireless.*

**IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.****TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER IN CANADA.**

London, Apr. 14.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, in the House of Commons to-day, stated that arrangements for the Imperial Economic Conference to be held at Ottawa this summer were in the hands of the Canadian Government.

It seemed likely that all the Dominions would be represented, although he had not heard so definitely.

Preparations for the Conference, so far as the United Kingdom were concerned, were in active progress.—*British Wireless.*

The case in which Li Lu-sang, a waterworks inspector, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences from Ho Kam-in was mentioned before Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning. The defendant was not present. Mr. Loseby, appearing for defendant, said he had gone away into the country to raise money. Mr. Hamilton ordered defendant's bail of \$500 and issued a warrant for his arrest.

Kowloon, and fire appliances in Kowloon City.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that twenty-four new members had joined the Association since January. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1931 are due, and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Brown, c/o The China Light & Power Co. Ltd.,

**"LIMERICK" EVIL SPREADING.****OVER 200 GAMBLING DENS IN COLONY.****ANOTHER COURT CASE.**

The well-known Chinese game of "limerick" (variously translated as "literary illusion," "the mystic poem" and other forms of limerick), was again brought to the notice of the Central Police Court this morning when Detective Inspector Shannon charged several men with gambling and three with keeping a common gambling house.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the keepers and intimates that he had advised his clients to admit the charges. It might be argued, he said, that the game was one of skill, but he himself had been privileged to visit several places, in company with the police, where the game was played, and he had no doubt in his mind that it was gambling pure and simple, having regard to the class of people who patronised the places. One thing that struck him, however, was how extraordinarily fair the game was. It was not like *fan tan* where one could have a stick which picked up or dropped a bean.

Detective Inspector Shannon said the Deputy Inspector General of Police (Mr. T. H. King) took a serious view of the case as a number of such houses had cropped up recently. In the central district alone there were over 40, while there were altogether 200 of these places. Complaints were also made by members of the public that a number of children were patronising the houses. One man had told the police that his son had stolen 15 cents from him and had gone to one of these dens.

Mr. Rendall agreed that there were many children at these places, he having seen them when he visited the houses, but the police had secured a conviction in the present case, and on that they could easily clear up the district of such places; in fact, the places would clear themselves up.

The first defendant was fined \$75, while the second and third, who were finks of the first, were each fined \$5. Other defendants who failed to appear had their bail of \$2 each estreated. An order was made for the confiscation of \$11 and a large quantity of cigarettes, which were seized.

**JMZ UKXXSZ AVZPZ TC DOJTGE.**

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role, a "real puzzle" was solved for Puzzledom.

King's Move puzzles have always been popular, but are usually constructed in such haste that the oversupply of usable letters makes them comparatively easy to solve.

The three-square puzzle worked out some months ago by Bunny, which contained the names of twelve members of the animal kingdom, caused no little comment, and she determined to see what could be done along this line with the names of rivers. She built it around the names of seven rivers located in various parts of the world, but a further search of the atlas showed her that it contained at least thirteen—without repeating any letter. Following the King Move, as in chess one space in any direction—how mayn can you find?

H I A  
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D E L

**THE LATEST RUBBER PROPOSAL.****DUTCH MOVE FOR CONTACT WITH BRITISH.**

Amsterdam, Apr. 14.

An important move to pursue efforts to enforce restriction of rubber production has been taken here.

Four members of the Dutch Committee have convoked a meeting, to be held to-morrow, to form a new Association and work out agreement with the Committee of the British Rubber Growers' Association.—*Reuter.*

**CHICAGO DISASTER.****MEN TRAPPED IN A BLAZING SEWER.**

Chicago, Apr. 14.

The worst underground accident in the city's history has occurred in a sewerage tunnel which is under construction.

A fire broke out in the supporting woodwork, and nine men have hitherto been brought out dead, while nine others are believed to have perished.

Forty-eight men have been admitted to hospital.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**THE NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE.****WARM PRAISE FOR MEN OF THE NAVY.****FINE RESCUE WORK.**

London, Apr. 14.

In a despatch to the Secretary for the Dominions (Lord Passfield) on the subject of the New Zealand earthquake, the Governor General (Lord Bledisloe) pays a tribute to the work of naval officers and men, both, at the time of the disaster and subsequently.

He states that the presence and splendid behaviour of men from the ship, H.M.S. Veronica, who landed within 15 minutes of the disaster, did much to check the panic, and greatly helped to maintain order among the population, encouraging them to participate in valuable rescue operations.

In addition, officers and men of H.M.S. Veronica and the cruisers Dunedin and Diomed performed invaluable services of varied descriptions for the benefit of the stricken towns.

Lord Bledisloe comments highly on the small band of doctors and nurses who helped to bring relief and comfort to an apparently endless stream of injured in the first hours of the disaster, and reorganised hospital services as rapidly as possible.—*British Wireless.*

**REPULSE BAY MAY HAVE NEW FACILITIES.**

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many possesses greater scope for making increased profits than would have been the case had its activities been confined to the mere letting of Exchange Building and its rural property at Repulse Bay, since, in the case of the former, saturation point in the matter of income had practically been reached and, in regard to the latter, the existence in the title deeds of restrictive covenants of a somewhat onerous nature has made profitable letting of the bungalows a matter of difficulty.

**Bathing Facilities Scheme.**

Your Board, however, has under consideration a scheme whereby, in the event of modification of the terms of the Crown Lease being obtained—this property can be developed along productive lines, which should rebound to the benefit not only of the Company, but also of the general public by affording facilities at present non-existent—modern lines by the provision of dressing and refreshment room accommodation for bathers, with fresh water plunges and other kindred open-air amenities, which ought to be available at this, the most accessible and popular beach in the Colony.

With regard to our investment business, I am pleased to be able to state that our share holdings are well balanced and comprise shares in the leading local insurance and public utility Companies, but I would, however, point out that in the matter of dividend distribution shareholders should not look for results parallel with possible spectacular rises in the market values of the securities held by the Company, as the policy of your Board must of necessity be primarily one of safety, and future dividend distributions must perforce be influenced to a great extent by the state of the local money market and the facilities available for the employment of liquid funds.

**Favoured by Small Investors.**

In this connexion, it is gratifying to your Board to note from the Company's list of shareholders and the nature of direct enquiries made at the Company's Office, that the Company's shares are now regarded favourably by the small investor who desires to become interested in a diversified distribution of securities selected upon conservative lines and offering the opportunity of a commensurate return upon his outlay.

There being no further matters which appear to call for comment, I now formally propose that the Report of the Directors and the account for the financial year ending 31st December, 1930, as presented, be adopted, and that that balance at credit of Profit & Loss Account and amounting to \$62,267.95 be appropriated as follows:—To pay a final dividend of 20 cents per share \$40,000; to transfer to General Reserve, \$10,000; to carry forward to New Account, \$12,267.95. I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and account may be raised.

**Seconders Speech.**

Mr. J. E. Joseph, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—In rising to second the proposal of our Chairman that the accounts for the financial year ended on the 31st December last be adopted, and that the balance

**INCIDENT ON BUS IN KOWLOON.****INDIAN REFUSES TO LEAVE.****DRUNK & DISORDERLY.**

Pashwar Singh, an Indian employed by the Green Island Cement Company, was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with travelling in a motor-bus after a request by the conductor to leave and also with behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk.

Ko Po, the conductor of the bus, said it was going from Sham Shui Po to To Kwa Wan. Defendant boarded at Sham Shui Po, and took a seat first class, paying ten cents. Witness told him that the ten cents would only carry him to Yau-mat. In Canton Road he asked the defendant to get down, but met with a refusal. He asked the defendant to buy another ticket, but the defendant refused and abused him in bad language.

The defendant said that he went to the second class, but as it was full up the conductor requested him to sit first class. He told the conductor that he would still only pay ten cents. The conductor did not inform him when there were seats in the second class. He admitted being drunk, but not disorderly.

Inspector Lane said defendant was a menace when he was drunk. He had damaged a constable's cap when in the cell, to the extent of \$6.10.

Mr. Hamilton fined the defendant \$25 or one month on the first count and \$10 or fourteen days on the second, and further ordered him to pay \$6.10 to the police or in default another fourteen days, the sentences to run consecutively.

at credit of Profit and Loss Account, amounting to \$62,267.95, be appropriated as already suggested, I wish to say that I do so with much pleasure.

The statement of the accounts are clearly set forth, and most of the headings under which the figures are displayed make them self-explanatory. However, with your permission a few short and cursory observations of the Company's working would perhaps be appropriate on this occasion. The majority of the Company's assets today are mostly in liquid or realisable form, with the exception of our investment in rural property at Repulse Bay. I am pleased to note that a plan is under consideration for the profitable letting of the bungalows there, as explained by our Chairman, and trust that when the modification of the terms of the Crown Lease is obtained this property can be more fully developed along productive lines, which should rebound to the benefit of both the Company and general public.

**Profitable Investments.**

Investments, too, for the period under review, with the surplus funds at our disposal, have proved both satisfactory and profitable, which must be very gratifying to shareholders to have their money so judiciously and successfully invested for them when facilities for the employment of liquid funds are not easy to find. A diversified distribution of securities selected upon conservative lines with a commensurate return makes the shares of this Company always an attractive investment to small investors in the Colony.

**Other Business.**

Following the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. K. Stuart Smith proposed the re-election of Sir E. J. Kadoorie and Mr. J. Scott Harston to the Board of Directors. This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Bagram, and unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. P. H. Suckling, seconded by Mr. F. M. Ellis, Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors.

It was announced by the Chairman that dividend warrants are ready and may be obtained on application at the Registered Office of the Company.

Mr. J. Scott Harston presided, and other directors present were Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. J. Fleming and Mr. E. M. Raymond, and Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), with Mr. C. F. V. Ribeiro (acting Secretary) and Messrs. J. T. Bagram, F. C. Barry, F. M. Ellis, J. E. Joseph, C. F. Ribeiro, K. Stuart Smith, P. H. Suckling and Miss P. Pereira.

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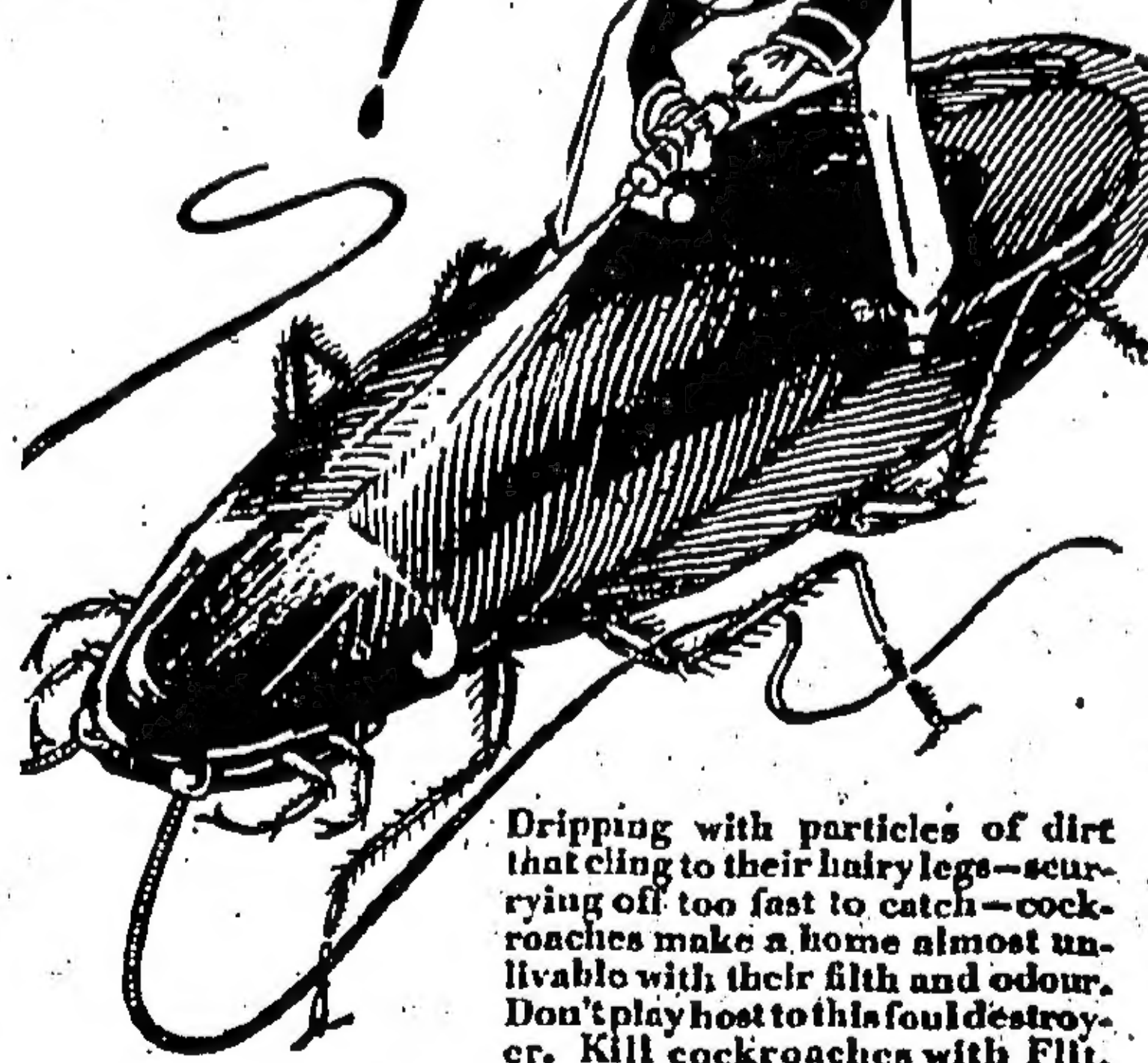
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## CHINESE "WANTED" IN RANGOON.

POLICE ESCORT EXPECTED  
VERY SOON.

The reported arrival at an early date of a police escort from Rangoon is expected to solve a police difficulty in connection with the extradition to Rangoon of a Chinese who is "wanted" there on an accusation of having feloniously obtained 75,000 Rupees from a foreign firm.

This has followed a declaration from the accused, to the effect that he is ready to forego all extradition formalities and return to Rangoon of his own free will to answer the charges there.

The escort will be here before the next ship sails for Rangoon," said Sub-Inspector Elston when the fugitive appeared on remand before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day.

Giving formal evidence of arrest, the officer said that, on information received, he boarded the s.s. Hong Peng on March 24th on its arrival here from Rangoon. From amongst 2,500 steerage passengers, he picked out the fugitive on a description given by the Rangoon Police. He took the prisoner to the Central Police Station where subsequently the warrant of arrest was read to the prisoner by an interpreter.

After Inspector Elston's deposi-

tions, the accused was again re-

manded until April 22.

## ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR COURT.

DEAF MUTE CHARGED WITH  
THEFT.

The difficulty of trying a deaf mute was again before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning when a deaf and dumb Chinese appeared on a charge of stealing a fountain pen from the pocket of a Canton military officer, Yeung Kam-po, on board the s.s. Hydrangea.

The complainant and a fellow-officer, Ng Ho, had arrived by the Hydrangea this morning and, just prior to disembarking, Ng Ho observed the defendant take the pen from Yeung Kam-po's pocket and then hand it to another man, who escaped. The defendant was instantly seized and handed over to the police.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship remanded the defendant for one week for observation. He remarked that, being an act of God, he would have to discharge the defendant if he is certified deaf and dumb and unable to plead.

## THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

COUNTRY REPORTED TO  
BE TRANQUIL.

With regard to the telegraphic news published concerning the situation in Portugal and the adjacent islands the following telegram has been received by the Consul General for Portugal in Hongkong from His Excellency the Governor of Macao transmitting a telegraphic message received yesterday from the Minister for the Colonies in Lisbon:

"The whole country is tranquil; large and important manifestations of support from the Municipalities and the people of the respective districts. Navy has initiated blockade of Madeira. Transmission of correspondence and communication from and to Azorian ports, Angra, Ponta Delgada, and Funchal in Madeira have been stopped. From Funchal, absolutely false news has been sent, against which the public should be warned."

## HOURS OF WORK IN COAL MINES.

BRITISH INTEREST PRODUC-  
ING GOOD RESULTS.

London, Apr. 14.  
Answering a Parliamentary question regarding his recent visit to Berlin to confer on the coal situation, Mr. E. Shinwell Secretary for Mines, stated that as a result of this and other similar informal discussions, the views of several Governments had been mutually adjusted and had considerably increased the prospect of an early adoption of the International Convention on hours of work in coal mines.

Several Governments were concerned, including the Polish, Belgian, French and German.—*British Wireless.*

Money and jewellery to the total value of \$251, as well as some private letters, comprised the haul of two men who entered the ground floor of 7, Argyle Street, Mongkok this morning. The men were not armed but managed to terrorise the inmates.

## JAPAN'S CABINET RE-FORMED.

AT LEAST THREE CHANGES  
TO TAKE PLACE.

Tokyo, Apr. 14.  
It is reliably learned that three changes will take place in the make up of the new Cabinet, General Kanushige Ugaki, Minister of War, Marokichi Tawara, Minister of Commerce and Genji Matsuda, Minister for Overseas Affairs, retiring to be replaced by General Jiro Minami, Keikichi Tanomogi and Yukio Sakuruchi, but possibly there will be some re-shuffling of portfolios.—*Reuter.*

New Names Presented.

Tokyo, Apr. 14.  
In an audience with the Emperor, Baron Wakatsuki presented the names of the new Cabinet. The installation ceremony will take place at 4.30.

An additional change in the membership is that Takukichi Kawasaki will succeed Fujiya Susuki as Chief Secretary of the Cabinet.

Later.  
Although an official announce-ment has not yet been made, it is learned that it has been decided to reconstitute all the members of the Cabinet in their former posts except General Ugaki, Marokichi Tawara and Genji Matsuda, who have been replaced by General Jiro Minami, Shujiro Hara and Yukio Sakuruchi respectively.

Keikichi Tanomogi declined to enter the Cabinet on which account Shujiro Hara was appointed to succeed Genji Matsuda instead.

General Minami's previous ap-

pointments include that of Divisional Commander, Vice-Chief of

General Staff and Commander-in-

Chief in Korea.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Apr. 14.

In connection with the Cabinet

change, it has been decided to

appoint Mr. Morio Takunashi, the

Chief Civil Administrator of

Formosa, to succeed Mr. Maru-

yama as Chief of the Metropolitan

Police.—*Reuter.*

## MOTOR CYCLING MISHAP.

SOLDIER AND PEDESTRIAN  
INJURED.

In trying to avoid a pedestrian in Nathan Road, near the Mongkok Police Station yesterday morning, Private John Henderson, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was riding a motor cycle, collided with the man and was thrown off the machine.

According to a report subsequently made to the police, Private Henderson was riding his motor cycle, No. 1090, near the junction of Fife Street and he swerved to avoid a pedestrian Wong Shu-num, whom the rider knocked down, being himself thrown off the machine.

Both rider and pedestrian suffered from minor abrasions and shock and were removed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.22 1/2	124.19 1/2
Berlin	25.25 1/2	25.25 1/2
Bombay	20.40 1/2	20.40 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Helsingfors	19.34 1/2	19.34 1/2
Buenos Aires	38.11 1/2	38.15 1/2
Athens	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1/3 1/2	1/3 1/2
Yokohama	4.85 13/16	4.85 13/16
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2	12.10 1/2
Stockholm	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.56 1/2	34.56 1/2
Madrid	46.65	46.65
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	33 1/2	33 1/2
Hongkong	11 1/2	11 1/2
Brussels	34.25	34.25
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Milan	92.81 1/2	92.81 1/2
Prague	164 1/2	164 1/2
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	3.9/16	3 3/4
Bombay	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.13/32
Silver (spot)	12.15/16	12.15/16
(forward)	12.15/16	12.15/16

—*British Wireless.*

Rescued by an unknown boatman, a Chinese who attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the Shamshui Ferry yesterday afternoon was taken to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of the immersion. The man, Chin Ping, aged 34, a cigarette hawk, of 33 Main Street, Shamshui, jumped off the s.s. Man Lee as it was about 400 yards from the wharf.

"I struggled with the complainant to get the money and the note was torn," said a Chinese, Ying Po, who was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon, this morning, with receiving a \$5 note from a woman named Lau Ho at the Tai Yick pawnshop in 618, Shanghai Street. Twelve months' imprisonment and 24 strokes of the birch was imposed.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Li Chu, a married woman living at 135, Hennessy Road, that at about 7.45 p.m. whilst walking up Eastern Street near Third Street, a man came up from behind her and snatched her handbag which contained vouchers issued by the Cheong Company, the Sun Company and the Sincere Company, together with \$30 in money, the total value being \$330.

## FANLING RACES.

ENTRIES FOR POINT-TO-  
POINT NEXT SUNDAY.

To mark the termination of the season, the Fanling Hunt and Race Club is holding Point-to-Point races at the Potts' Bungalow Course, Fanling, on Sunday, when four events will be on the card.

The first event (for lightweights) will be The Fox Hunters' Cup, this to be followed by the Ladies' Cup. The heavyweights will then compete for the Fox Hunters' Cup, and the concluding event will be for Australian ponies at catchweights. Cups are to be given to the winners, with souvenirs for seconds and thirds. A dinner will be held at the Hunters' Arms in the evening. The following are the entries:

The Fox Hunters' Cup.—(Lightweights).—Ray Rham, Borden, Christman Belle, Chaumy Country Club, Diana, Eclipsed Eye, Fanling Stag, Fernleaf, King's Hope, Mad Carew, Montana, Parmigan, Sunloch, The Discarded, The Goods, The Gomeril, The Stamer, Thunderous Stag, White Slave.

The Ladies' Cup.—Christmas Belle, Duke of Neblung, Grand Symphony, King Cobra, Nugget, Pekin, Ploughman, Ponder's Pride, The Bruiser, White Slave.

The Fox Hunters' Cup (Heavyweights).—Ananias, Big Ching, Bright Prospect, Caviare, Charleston, Duke of Milan, Fanling Stag, Fernleaf, Inshallah, Jack Sprat, Mmona, Peterkin.

For Australian Ponies (Catchweights).—Caulfield, Cyran, Fritz, Juliette, Kilron, Old Acquaintance, Pegasus, Rosedrop, The Bustard, Thunderclap, Wattle.

## KOWLOON GOLF.

DRAW FOR HANDICAP  
COMPETITION.

The following is the draw for the High Handicap Competition 24 holes medal play to be played over the Kowloon Course on Sunday, April 26th:

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9.10 S. H. Harris & E. G. Sewell.  
9.15 F. Ramskill & T. P. Saunders.

9.20 P. Foreman & G. Punchon.  
9.25 W. Stoker & O. E. Murphy.  
9.30 A. E. Silkatone & W. Hyde.  
9.35 J. M. Purvis & H. S. Dinsdale.  
9.40 A. Loughton & W. Orchard.  
9.45 J. J. King & H. T. Buxton.  
9.50 G. L. Johnson & W. J. Woolley.

9.55 C. J. Roe & J. Gellately.  
10.00 G. Reid & J. B. Way.  
10.05 J. G. Meyer & E. R. Price.  
10.10 A. C. Sinton & J. B. McCaw.  
10.20 E. C. Fincher & A. W. Brown.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

GROUND IN UNPLAYABLE  
CONDITION YESTERDAY.

Due to the rain of the last few days, the Hongkong Cricket Club ground was in an unplayable condition yesterday with the result that the matches arranged to be played off had to be postponed.

The following matches have been arranged for to-day:

Open Doubles.—Kong and Lee v. Lo and Lu.

Handicap Doubles.—Wood and Lenox v. Keyserling and Jensen; Humphreys and Wild v. Buttress and Woodman; Sewell and James v. Owen Hughes and More or Low and Dowley.

Handicap Singles.—Gordon v. Ferguson or Rodger; Womack v. Jensen.

Mixed Doubles.—Goldman and Mrs. Grimble v. Waring and Miss Hutchison.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG  
TO VISIT PEKING.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW  
HEADQUARTERS.

Peking, Apr. 14.

It is reported that Gen. Chang

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## KING ALFONSO ABDICATES.

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Micla, the Catalan leader, has telephoned to Senor Zamora, saying: "This marvellous movement must satisfy Catalonia by satisfying a greater and more united Spain."

A New York message from Mexico City states that the headquarters of "New Spain" were opened at noon in Avenida Madero and before King Alfonso's abdication was proclaimed.

The new Spanish Republican purple, yellow and red flag was hoisted over the building. — *Reuter, and British Wireless.*

## Capital Celebrates.

Madrid, Apr. 14.

As the Prime Minister, Admiral Aznar, remarked yesterday evening: "Everyone seems to have turned Republican overnight."

Scenes in the capital are reminiscent of the night in London, and are unprecedented in Madrid, even in times of the maddest carnival.

Mounted Civil Guards lined up on the pavement looked on amusedly as excited crowds were bolstered by goodnaturedly demonstrating. Discipline, fear and respect, all had gone. It seemed as if the great natural inferiority

## King's Destination.

Madrid, Apr. 15.

The King's destination is an official secret until he is "out of harm's way," but *Reuter* is informed that Alfonso, with the rest of the Royal Family, is en route to Paris. — *Reuter.*

Through thick and thin, Alfonso held the friendship and the loyalty of the bulk of the regular army and of the wonderful Civil Guard whose members are to be seen all over Spain. He was not happy in his fortune with Spain's great writers.

## Newspaper Offices Serenaded.

Men and women linked arms and danced ecstatically, singing the Marseillaise. They serenaded the Republican newspaper offices, and threw their arms round the Civil Guards. Many motor-cars with haranguing orators joined the procession. In one sat a

young woman dressed in red, waving a red banner.

Daylight was approaching when the procession passed the Calle Alcalá and met a squadron of Civil Guards in front of the post office. The people in the procession cheered the guards, who, however, blew a trumpet blast as a warning, then raised their rifles and fired. Men and women, panic-stricken, fled in a mass, leaving hats, cloaks, handbags and everything hampering a swift retreat. Several fell seriously wounded. A German doctor in a tramcar was seen to collapse, shot in the body. Apparently the guards thought the crowd was proceeding to the British Embassy, where it was rumoured the Royal Family had taken refuge.

It is noteworthy that on paper the elections show a victory for the Monarchists with 22,130 against 5,875 Republican seats; but the former comprise the small rural towns and hamlets of few inhabitants, ruled by local "bosses," while the Republicans have overwhelmingly carried the cities.

## PEN MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.

## THREE MUSKETEERS OF THE INK-POT.

King Alfonso's abdication is one more proof that the pen is mightier than the sword. All the swords were for him. The keenest pens were against him.

It may well be that in a hundred years from now some Spanish writer will speak of Blasco Ibañez, Miguel Unamuno and Ramon Perez de Ayala as "The Three Musketeers of the Ink-pot," or as "The Three Penmen of the Republic."

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## In Voluntary Exile.

The late Ibañez went into voluntary exile so as to be free to fight him. Unamuno was at first banished by the late dictator, Rivera, to a bleak little isle in the Atlantic. When he escaped Unamuno remained in involuntary exile until Rivera fell and he could return in triumph to his old

post as rector of the University of Salamanca. Nothing happened to Ayala. He was able to continue to enjoy his dear delights in the cafes of the Puerto del Sol in Madrid.

From his home in France, Ibañez bombarded Alfonso and the regime with vigorous pamphlets published in Spanish, French and English. The censors stopped the books in Spain. The police of London frowned down on the sale of the English versions. But the books hit the mark just the same.

## December Manifesto.

Unamuno took up his residence on the French frontier of Spain, viewed his native country as from a light house and over and over again raised his voice and lifted his pen to attack the regime.

Then suddenly Ayala joined the band of fighting authors. He added his name to the famous December pronouncement by prominent Spaniards, in which it was stated the monarchy and the monarch must go and republican institutions be substituted. Ayala's appearance in this role was immediately regarded as of great significance for he is one of the finest writers Spain possesses. As poet, short story writer, novelist, critic, he is equally brilliant. His richly satirical and humorous novel "Beltrami and Apollonio" has been claimed to be one of the finest literary productions since "Don Quixote." In this book he showed himself to be a vigorous critic and satirist of all kinds of cranks and extremists—political, religious, scientific. Thus his gift at a clergyman who specialized in entomology.

## Son of the Soil.

"He has discovered many new species of insects. He would have done better by humanity if he had invented a new insecticide."

Ayala has just turned fifty. He is a native of that part of Spain known as the Asturias. His role as champion of republicanism shows him to be a true son of the soil on which he was born, for one of the greatest of modern Spanish critics, Salvador Madariaga, says of Asturias:

"Her men always have been in the van of political progress in the peninsula. It was in Asturias that Charles III found his enlightened statesmen. It is from Asturias that contemporary Spain draws her pioneers in education, politics and social reform." Ayala is no light-hearted swag-

ger. He has been animated by no personal hatred of the King. He joined the republican movement because, in the light of his reason and his broad European culture—particularly English—he came to the conclusion that monarchy as Spain knew it was fit only for the scrap heap. An idol of the advanced young men of the universities, his action had a very great influence upon the dramatic developments of the past two or three days.

## A KING WITHOUT ILLUSIONS.

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young English aristocrats went in for outdoor sports.

So though the young Alfonso might appear at court in velvet Pauntleroy suits and with curled hair, in his play hours he was encouraged to take up tennis and polo. He became a fearless rider of horses. Later in his life, when automobiles came in vogue, there was no better royal driver in all the world. He loved the sea and had his own yacht. He liked racing and maintained his own stables.

He was a sportsman extraordinary.

## Alfonso's Woeing.

The young monarch was 20. And at 20, he got the same advice that comes to young men the world over when they have left their teens: "It's time for you to get married and settle down."

From the former Empress Eugenie of France, came a message to Alfonso. Like most women, Eugenie was a born match-maker, and she had known Alfonso for a long time.

She believed in direct action. She sent the young Alfonso a picture of Princess Ena of Battenberg, a cousin of His Majesty King George. Accompanying it was a portrait of "my dear goddess of whose loveliness, grace and charm this picture can give but a poor idea."

Alfonso was curious. He went to England and met the fair Princess Ena. She was then a girl of 19, tall, golden-haired, blue-eyed. The king made up his mind at once. They were quickly engaged. Princess Ena became a convert to the Catholic church and they were married in 1906.

## An Ideal Queen.

She has been an ideal queen for Alfonso, and in marriage she took on something of the calm for

which Alfonso is noted in a time of crisis. Quite recently, the granddaughter of Queen Victoria telephoned to a London newspaper:

"There is no danger. Everything is quiet. Everyone is safe. The king went out this morning to a public ceremony and this afternoon he is going to the royal barracks."

Her girlhood was spent chiefly at Kensington Palace and in the Isle of Wight, of which her mother was made Governor. Her charming informality, interest in outdoor sports and solicitude for others made her a favourite wherever she went, and the announcement in 1906 that King Alfonso had won her consent to become his bride aroused intense popular interest.

## Life at Court.

Her life at the Spanish Court with all its elaborate ceremonial was very trying to her after the freedom of English life, but she adapted herself to it studiously, and only introduced British customs and ideas when she could do so without clashing with those of Spain. She made herself beloved of Spanish women by improving their educational system and modernizing their outlook.

She had six children—two sons and four daughters.

## Spain's Progress.

The now terminated reign of King Alfonso has seen Spain make greater progress than for centuries. The King found a country lingering in the traditions of a great past, and he strove incessantly to create the conditions for a great future.

Spain has become an industrial nation of ever-increasing importance, and even his bitterest critics and enemies admit that much of this progress is due to the monarch's unflagging efforts.

## MONGKOK ROBBERY.

## HAUL OF \$200 THIS MORNING.

A haul of money and jewellery, amounting to over \$200 in value, was made by two robbers, from the first floor of No. 7, Argyle Street, Mongkok, at eight o'clock this morning.

The only inmate on the floor at the time was a Chinese woman, who was intimidated with a display of violence. Remaining for about 20 minutes during which they thoroughly ransacked the place, the robbers escaped.

## MANY ATTEMPTS AT ASSASSINATION.

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and unshaken. With one hand he assisted his pretty wife out of the coach. With the other he waved to the people to show he was unhurt.

"A fragment of the bomb had shattered the chain of the Portuguese Order he was wearing!"

## 1925 Outrages.

Ever since, anarchists have been seeking to murder him.

Many dates on the king's calendar in 1925, for instance, should have been printed in blood-red. In June of that year, Alfonso was in Barcelona. While he was attending mass at the great cathedral, the police discovered a bomb with a time fuse which had been placed there to bring death to the monarch.

In the same month, when Alfonso was travelling back to Madrid, a bomb found on the railway line between Barcelona and the capital. It was timed to go off when the royal train was due at that point.

In August, ex-King Alfonso was living at his palace at Santander, which was given to him through a popular subscription by loyalists. There the police arrested an anarchist as he stood within a few feet of the king and was in the act of drawing a revolver.

## Alfonso's Resource.

A year or two later, an unpleasant message from General Rivera, the Premier-dictator, interrupted a game of bridge at King Alfonso's palace in San Sebastian. Twelve artillery regiments were in mutiny. What did the king think should be done.

The king didn't think. The king acted. Within an hour he had his kit packed and, with himself at the wheel of his powerful car, did the 300 miles over none too good roads to Madrid in less than six hours. Many times he reached more than 80 miles an hour.

He went immediately to the garrison where threats were being made against his life and his kingdom. By sheer force of his personality, he calmed the mutinous troops and restored order.

Then he went back to the bridge table at San Sebastian.

## BUDGET DEFICIT.

SUGGESTED MEASURE TO RAISE £55,000,000.

How the anticipated deficit in the forthcoming Budget could be balanced by increased indirect taxation, increased unemployment insurance contributions, and a special levy on income tax and surtax assessments is shown in an article in the "Economist."

Taking into account the Supply Estimates already published, and the various sources of revenue on the existing basis, the article estimates that the gap to be bridged will be about £47,000,000, to which a further £8,000,000 will have to be added if the Unemployment Insurance Act is not revised.

The indirect taxes proposed are: An increase in the duties on spirits from 72s. 6d. to 75s. a gallon, and on beer from 100s. to 105s. a barrel; a duty of 4d. per lb on tea, together with increased duties on coffee, cocoa, and sugar; an increase in the duty on tobacco from 8s. 10d. to 9s. 6d. per lb, and in the duty on petrol by 3d. a gallon; an increase in various Excise duties, for instance, on mineral waters and entertainments. These duties, it is estimated, would bring in £35,000,000.

There remains £20,000,000 to be found. Of this £6,000,000 could be raised by a surcharge of 3d. (1½d. for juveniles) on the present contributions of all persons in employment.

The residue of £14,000,000 would be obtained by a repeal of last year's concession, whereby the first £250 of taxable income pays four-ninths of the standard rate instead of £225 paying one-half the standard rate, as previously; and by a special levy of 3d. in the £ on all individual assessments to income tax and surtax. Companies would be exempt from this special levy, so as not to increase the direct burden on industry.

The deficit for the current year is estimated by the "Economist" at about £25,000,000. This, together with last year's deficit it is suggested, should be met out of the provision for the Sinking Fund, subject to repayment to the Fund over the next seven years.

London, Apr. 14.

It is officially announced that the King continues to make good progress. His progress in the past few days is considered so satisfactory that in future only one statement on his condition will be made each day.—*Reuter.*

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## THE AMBULANCES PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Information about the Government ambulance service, and discussed the necessity of obtaining additional up-to-date equipment, owing to the increased demand for ambulance services in the Colony.

The equipment now required would be, in Hongkong, one large motor ambulance and three small ones, and one large and one small motor ambulances in Kowloon. At present there are in Hongkong one large and one small Government motor ambulance, and one small motor ambulance belonging to the St. John Brigade. In Kowloon, there are one large and one small motor ambulances. Mr. Wolfe stressed the need for unified control, and gave the telephone service as an example, saying it would be ridiculous if, when a need arose, a St. John ambulance was summoned to a case which the Government ambulance had already been called to attend. Such a state of affairs would militate against efficiency. Mr. Wolfe spoke at length, urging co-operation.

Mr. Morris stated that the St. Ambulance Brigade had been doing that and intended to do so. Already they had one small motor ambulance. The Brigade had also purchased a new chassis for a second small motor ambulance. This chassis was now in a workshop having an ambulance body built upon it, and it ought to be ready for the road within a month. Mr. Morris, whilst desirous of ensuring efficient co-operation, urged that the identity of the St. John Ambulance Brigade should not be lost by merging the services.

The Brigade had hoped to begin work on its new headquarters in the immediate future. At present the building was only connected by telephone, and there was no ambulance in it, or equipment or personnel.

### Government Help.

During further discussion, it appeared that the Government had available the staff to run part of the additional ambulances, and to attend to ambulance work, and that the St. John Brigade could obtain ambulances. It was then considered if it would be possible for the Government to help with personnel and if the St. John Brigade could help with ambulances. Mr. Wolfe said he was of opinion that part of the personnel could be immediately provided.

So it was agreed that the situation would be best met if the Government maintained the service, and the St. John Brigade supplied and equipped the new motor ambulances now necessary, and that this should be the basis of co-operation.

The position then being in Hongkong—at the Central Fire Station there would be one large and one small motor ambulance, and at the new Wanchai Station, two small ambulances, supplied by the St. John Brigade—the personnel being under Government supervision. Mr. Wolfe promised to co-operate as far as possible in the equipping of the new Wanchai Station.

It was asked if the Rotary Club could assist in further developments, since Hongkong seemed about to be better equipped, and it was stated there was need in Kowloon for an additional small motor ambulance. Could the Rotary Club help to serve?

Mr. Wolfe suggested that the Rotary Club might perhaps go fifty-fifty with the St. John Brigade in the cost of a new small motor ambulance for Kowloon, the cost being \$6,000. We thought it would be wiser not to ask the Rotary Club to try and raise any fixed sum of money, although it would be good to know the goal at which to aim. It was, perhaps, better to ask the Club to further schemes that the St. John Brigade proposed for raising funds to do ambulance work.

### Concert and Flag Day.

What did the St. John Brigade propose for this present year? Mr. Morris said he had arranged for a concert on May 2nd, and for a Flag Day on June 24th. It was agreed to ask this Club to support the concert and Flag Day, and any other schemes proposed by the St. John Brigade, if they commended themselves to the Rotary Club. The idea in Rotary being to support existing organizations rather than to start new ones. Mr. Morris undertook to supply details of the St. John plans.

The proposals for the ambulance service are:—(1) to equip Hongkong with one large and one small motor ambulances at the Central Fire Station, and two small motor ambulances at the new Wanchai Fire Station, St. John Brigade supplying these two ambulances for Wanchai Station and the Government supplying staff, supervision and maintenance. (2) Kowloon to have one new small motor ambulance through the St. John Brigade, the Government supplying staff, supervision and maintenance. Kowloon thus being equipped with one large and two small motor ambulances.

We have already briefly reported to the Directors and they sanctioned this being put to the Club. If we approve the scheme, are we prepared to support the St. John Brigade concert on May 2, and the

Flag Day on June 24? If so, then the Community Service Committee can get busy with arrangements and the Club can make a beginning with its community service.

May I, in conclusion, express appreciation for the courteous and helpful manner all concerned have received these enquiries. It has been a real privilege and a pleasure to pursue the enquiries on behalf of this Club.

### Government's Position.

At the request of the Chairman, the Inspector General of Police, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, said: I think you have heard from the speaker rather in detail what I had to say on the subject and I think there is very little I can add to it. The obvious question which may be asked is "If further ambulances are required why does not the Government supply them?" The answer is that the Government supply only the professional ambulance service which naturally meets only the most urgent requirements. In all parts of the British Empire, where there is a professional ambulance service, it is always a practice to call in the assistance of voluntary services.

Here, in Hongkong, you have an ambulance service, and you have a wonderful St. John Ambulance Brigade and I, myself, have been brought into contact in connexion with their scheme of expansion, of which I was formerly unaware. I do feel that if they are going to render the community this fine service the only thing I should ask is that we should work together for the benefit of the community, and we should get all the outside assistance that we can towards that end. Thus, the Rotary Club would come in as proposed by Rotarian Powell.

### Co-operation Wanted.

The details, as to how far the St. John Ambulance Brigade are prepared to co-operate must be left to future occasions, but I do ask whether they would wish to run their own ambulance service or get the Government's assistance, that they should arrange that there would be one and only one telephone call for an ambulance. That, I think, could quite easily be arranged. I would like to explain that, given this ambulance which we have heard about, it is obvious that all calls would go to the Central Fire Station. For a call nearer Wanchai than Central, we would not send a Central Fire Station Ambulance, but we would call up Wanchai at once and send St. John's ambulance.

It is obvious that the better the distribution of the ambulances the quicker will they be able to reach the spot required. I do not think there are any other points I would like to stress, but I would like to thank Rotarian Powell for bringing us together so that we may have the opportunity of evolving the best possible scheme for the benefit of the public.—(Applause).

### Use of Present Service.

Rotarian P. S. Cassidy asked to what extent the existing ambulance services were used, and Rotarian Wolfe replied to the effect that the ambulance service, as it existed at present, was started in 1919, with two large ambulances, one in Hongkong and one in Kowloon, which were presented by the Red Cross Society of Great Britain to commemorate the services of the War Charities Commission here. Ambulances were presented to various Colonies.

Continuing, Rotarian Wolfe said those ambulances were later supplemented by two small ones, purchased by the Hongkong Government, because it was found that it was too expensive to use the large ambulances for single accident cases or conveyance of patients to hospitals from their homes. Up to the present time there were actually four ambulances attached to the Fire Brigade, two on each side of the Harbour. He was, however, satisfied that they could do with more. The Tung Wah Hospital had generously obtained their own ambulance, which really did the hospital's work, but that one did not come into the scheme as detailed so far.

It was noticeable that, apart from 1929, the increase in the number of calls had been, roughly, 500 a year. In 1926 there were 2,205 calls which were attended to by four ambulances. Last year the number was 3,709. During the year 1928-1929 the increase of calls was only seven, but this was probably due to the arrival of the Tung Wah and the St. John ambulances. It would be seen, therefore, that if other ambulances were available at the present time, they could certainly be used. Of course, they might have a dozen ambulances, and they might all be out at the same time, but there was much less likelihood of that happening if there were more than four.

Mr. Wolfe added that if there were additional ambulances he was quite satisfied that they could be used and would prove most useful.

St. John Brigade's Work. Speaking of the St. John Ambulance Rotarian Morris said it was, at present, being run by the Government. Following a series of accidents to Government ambulances last July, the Brigade offered the use of their own ambulance. During the seven months it had been run by the Government it had carried 1,080 cases, averaging five per day, and had travelled

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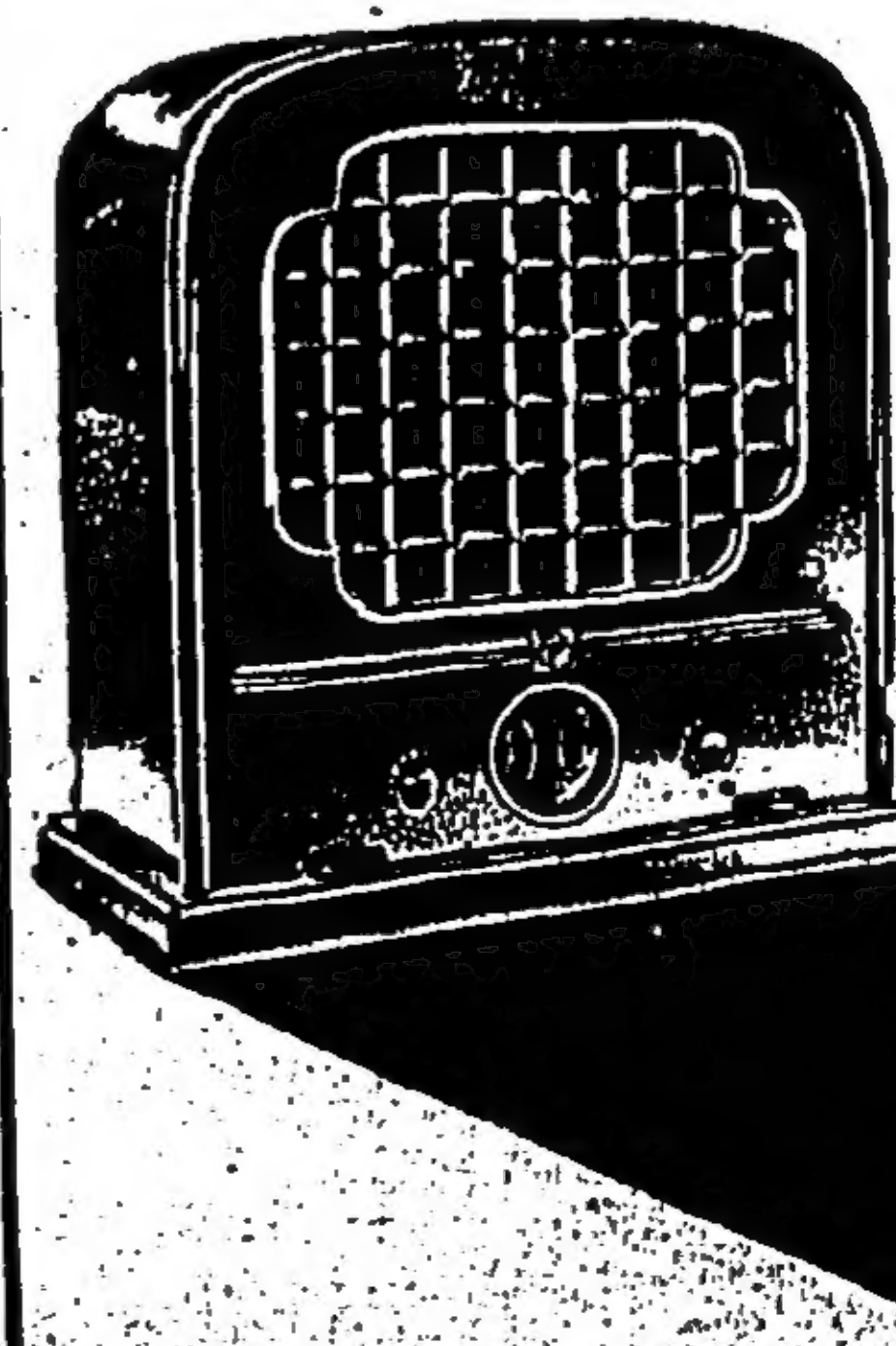
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### 88TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED.

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It was in 1843 that the first meetings for worship took place at the house of Dr. John Legge, who was the first Minister of the Church which was erected in the following year in Wellington Street. A second church was erected in Staunton Street in 1865, and it was not until 1891 that the present Church in Kennedy Road was opened. The first Union Church in Kowloon was opened in 1923, and it was only last week that the new Church in Kowloon was opened by H.E. the Governor.

On that occasion the unity of local Christian denominations was evidenced by the fact that among the clergy attending were the Very Rev. Dean Swann, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers (of St. Andrew's), and the Rev. Knight Anstey (Westleyan). St. Andrew's Church has also made the gift of table and chair for the vestry, and the latest indication of the mutual helpfulness between the Anglican and other denominations is that His Lordship the Bishop (Dr. Duppuy) has consented to preach at Union Church on Sunday morning. There should be a large attendance, and the service is to be broadcast.

## COMPANY REPORT.

### H.K. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO.

The following is the report of the Directors of the Hongkong Construction and Engineering Co., Ltd., to be presented at the annual meeting on April 22nd:

Accounts.—Your Directors herewith submit a Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930.

The Net Profit for the year, after charging \$16,819.57 for Depreciation and providing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, amounts to \$57,441.55, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 15 per cent, viz., 30 cents per share ... \$28,450.00  
To carry forward to credit of next year's account ... 28,991.55  
\$57,441.55

Directors.—On the 5th November, 1930, Sir E. E. Kadoorie, K.C.M.G., was invited to join the Board and his appointment requires the confirmation of Shareholders at this meeting.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu was appointed Alternate Director on 18th March, 1931, vice Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., absent on leave.

Mr. J. T. Bagram and Mr. J. Scott Hession retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

### NOT VISIBLE IN THE COLONY.

On the 17th-18th instant a partial eclipse of the sun, invisible at Greenwich or in the Colony, will take place. Occurring in the Arctic regions the eclipse will begin at 10.57 p.m. in 100° Long. E. and 27° Lat. N. The period of greatest eclipse will be at 12.45 a.m. in 69° Long. E. and 62° Lat. N., and will end at 2.22 a.m. in 80° Long. W. and 76° Lat. N.

The magnitude of the greatest eclipse will equal 0.511.

## THE AMBULANCES PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 10.)

10,000 miles up to the end of February.

The Brigade, he continued, had been in existence since 1916, being chiefly supported by gifts and donations from the Chinese community, but they were largely indebted to Mr. Ho Kom-long for the present position of the Brigade, as he had maintained it at his own expense from 1916 until 1928.

Since 1928 they had endeavoured to extend their activities. The opportunity came when a lady presented the ambulance which was now being run by the Government. With regard to the second ambulance, which was being built at the present time, they hoped to have it on the road within a month. As far as possible, concluded Mr. Morris, he would like the Rotary Club to support the activities of the Brigade to their fullest capacity.—(Applause).

### Rotarians' Part.

Rotarian W.E.L. Shenton asked what exactly were they expected to do in support of the Brigade, and Rotarian Powell replied that if the Club members approved of the concert and Flag Day scheme, then members were asked to support both events both among Club members themselves and by persuading their friends outside to do the same.

Mr. Thomas Tam said he understood that the Tung Wah Hospital had two ambulances in Hongkong, while the suggestion was to purchase another one for Kowloon. He suggested that the Tung Wah Hospital might be invited to participate in the general scheme.

Rotarian Wolfe replied that the Tung Wah Hospital had kindly consented to place their ambulances at the disposal of the general ambulance service of the Colony at any time and they had, in fact, already done so. Whenever the Government's two ambulances were out and a call came through, a message was immediately sent to the Tung Wah Hospital, who lent their ambulances if they were available.

### Newspaper Report Denied.

Rotarian A. L. Shields asked how the Government would stand in the matter. He said he hoped that the Club would support the scheme, but added he thought that the Government should be behind it and be ready to make up for any deficiency that might result. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Shields referred to a newspaper account of a man who was left on the road when an ambulance was not forthcoming.

Rotarian Wolfe replied that any report in a newspaper to that effect was absolutely false. In the particular case referred to, help was immediately forthcoming. All the available ambulances were out, but before the Tung Wah ambulance arrived the patient was removed in a private motor car to hospital. He added he would like to stress that any such report was absolutely untrue.

Rotarian Shields said he was sorry, but added he could only tell from reports that were published in the newspapers. Apparently there was a deficiency of ambulances, and what they wanted to avoid was such a thing happening.

Rotarian Powell said that, with regard to Rotarian Shields' question, the Government would supply personnel and maintain the ambulances. They were making a contribution to the better services they were hoping to get, as there was need for additional ambulances.

### Mr. M. K. Lo's Query.

Rotarian M. K. Lo said, as a matter of information, he would point out that there would be seven ambulances in Hongkong and three in Kowloon according to the suggested scheme, making ten altogether. He queried if ten ambulances were really required for Hongkong and Kowloon.

Rotarian Wolfe replied that the figures were correct, if the two Tung Wah ambulances were included, but these two ambulances would be required to a great extent in their own hospital work, and they would not be readily available. That was why they were not included in the number given to Rotarian Powell.

Rotarian Lo said he did not think

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 20th April, 1931.

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1931.

that the Tung Wah Hospital had more than one call in about a week, not more than two anyhow.

The matter was then put to the vote, and the meeting decided that the Community Service Committee should go ahead with the project, the resolution being proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Rotarian Shenton.

On behalf of the Club, Rotarian Robertson expressed thanks to the speaker for his address, and for the zeal with which he had taken the matter up.

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A very interesting and informative lecture on "The Teacher and the Soul" was delivered by Father G. Byrne, S.J., before the Hongkong University Education Society on Monday evening. The President, Prof. L. Forster, M.A., introducing the lecturer, referred to the noble work in education done by the Society of Jesus, and to Father Byrne's influence in Hongkong.

Father Byrne plunged into the subject by striking the keynote expressed in the following lines:

"Toll at the loom, the bench,  
the mart,  
Wield a hammer, or write  
with a pen,  
Mine is to fashion the human  
heart—  
For I make men."

With the charm of expression peculiar to the born teacher, Father Byrne emphasized the supreme importance of personality, and showed that it is the duty of the teacher to make a lesson interesting, to rouse the enthusiasm of the pupil. He deprecated the use of sarcasm as a corrective: the soul of a child is too sensitive, and the searing effect of sarcasm may ruin its whole outlook on life. He then spoke about the pupil who never gets a sum right but who is nevertheless intelligent in other respects. The illustrations which Father Byrne brought forward, and the recollections of his experience as a teacher in Australia, were so put to the reason that the lecture was in itself a model lesson.

#### A Teacher's Work.

After giving some very amusing conceptions of the term "teacher" held by school-children, Father Byrne proceeded to the work of the teacher which he divided into two aspects:

- (a) as instructor, guiding the intellectual growth of the soul by the communication of knowledge;
- (b) as disciplinarian, guiding the will so to act as to form in the soul the habit of self-training.

He then showed how (a) and (b) must necessarily be coordinated, for the assimilation of instruction is a discipline, and genuine discipline must be the outcome of principles. And in support of this he enlarged upon three fundamental psychological principles:

- A.—The idea inclines to the act of which it is the representation.
- B.—The act excites the feeling which it should normally express.
- C.—Feeling, as passion, excites to maximum effort the soul.

After briefly describing the various causes of inattention on the part of the pupil, Father Byrne gave an account of the method in dealing with it, and pointed out that "while interest is the key to the art, the true interest is that which ends in knowledge and not that which merely attracts attention."—Contributed.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

The Volunteers.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I had not intended to revert to this subject, but the reasoned views put forward in your Editorial tempt me to trespass further on the hospitality of your pages.

I will submit that my ideas on this subject are not confused, as has been suggested, but would mention that my first letter was written under the pressure of time, and that since I wished it to command attention, I deliberately wrote it in a provocative manner. In order that I may not be thought entirely destructive in criticism, and unappreciative of the work the Volunteers do perform, I will briefly outline the kind of Corps that would undoubtedly have a wider appeal to those of this Colony who would like to share in its work, but find the present organisation unattractive.

The ideal Corps for this Colony, to my mind, would be constituted somewhat as follows:

Group A.—The personnel of this Group would consist of young men coming out from home on their first contracts, of those who have had no previous military experience, and those who prefer to belong to the Group from personal inclination.

Service in the Group would entail three years training with the particular aim of the Service selected by the Volunteer. It would be very thorough training, much on the lines of the recruit training in the Regular Army, and in order that it might be efficient, the co-operation of the Regular Forces in the Colony would be necessary.

During the first year, absence from parade would only be excused on medical grounds, or for urgent business reasons, in support of which a certificate would have to be produced from the Volunteer's doctor or Talpa. During the remaining two years, a minimum number of parades per annum would be necessary.

Group B.—Training in this Group would be in the higher branches of the Military Art, and those eligible to enter it must have graduated from Group A, have seen service with the Regular Forces, or have served with either some other Volunteer Corps or a Cadet Corps. They would first have to show that they were instructed in the kind of work taught in Group A, and an elementary test could be devised to determine a candidate's suitability or otherwise. Likewise, men from Group A could pass this test, and move up into Group B. If they desired, without serving their full three years in the lower group.

Here again, the cooperation of the Regular Forces would be essential, in the giving of lectures etc. Possibly, also, some of the more efficient of this Group might be permitted to be present in a semi-official capacity at the various manoeuvres carried out by the Regular Forces.

I would suggest a two years' course for this Group.

Group C.—Would consist of the following:

1. Men who had completed their time in Group A, but had no

### LOCAL WEDDING.

PORTUGUESE COUPLE  
MARRIED AT ROSARY  
CHURCH.

At the Rosary Church, Kowloon, last Sunday, the Very Rev. G. M. Spada officiated at the marriage of Miss Carolina Maria Vieira Ribeiro and Mr. Evaristo Euzobio dos Remedios. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. V. Ribeiro, while the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. G. F. dos Remedios.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin with silver lace, made by Miss Nenita Silva. She also wore an all-embroidered Brittona net veil (which belonged to her great-grandmother, nearly a century old) and carried a sheaf of arum lilies. The bridesmaids, Miss Carmen Silva and Miss Beatrice V. Ribeiro, sister of the bride, were dressed in yellow georgette. Their bouquets were of sweet peas.

Mr. L. A. Collaco (of Macao) and Mr. J. A. C. V. Ribeiro were the "best men," while the flower girls were the Misses Thelma da Luz and Celeste Azevedo.

The bride's mother wore a dress of sage blue georgette with hat to match, and the bridegroom's mother wore a dress of black lace with hat to match.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at 16, Carnarvon Road. The honeymoon is being spent in Macao and Canton.

wish to continue in it, or move up into Group B.

2. Men who had completed their time in Group B, and felt they had seen enough service for the time being.

3. Ex-service men, of proven qualifications, who whilst not having the time for active volunteering, would be willing to be called on in an emergency.

4. Any other person, of proven qualification, military or otherwise, not having the time for active volunteering, but whose services could be utilised in an emergency.

The records of the personnel of this Group would be kept in an "Emergency Register," and as I would suggest that there is no reason why it should not include those of the "fair sex" able and willing to drive cars, ambulances, or serve in canteens etc.

Trained "mobilisations" of this Group could be made from time to time—say once a year—to ensure that it is capable of functioning properly.

Now, Sir, whilst I agree that it would require a great deal of initial organisation, the remodeling of the Volunteer Corps on the above lines should not prove impossible if seriously attempted. Such a Corps would, moreover, cover a very wide field of endeavour—actual and potential—and would comprehensively deal with the current accusation that the Colony is unprepared to deal with an emergency.

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LAI TEE.

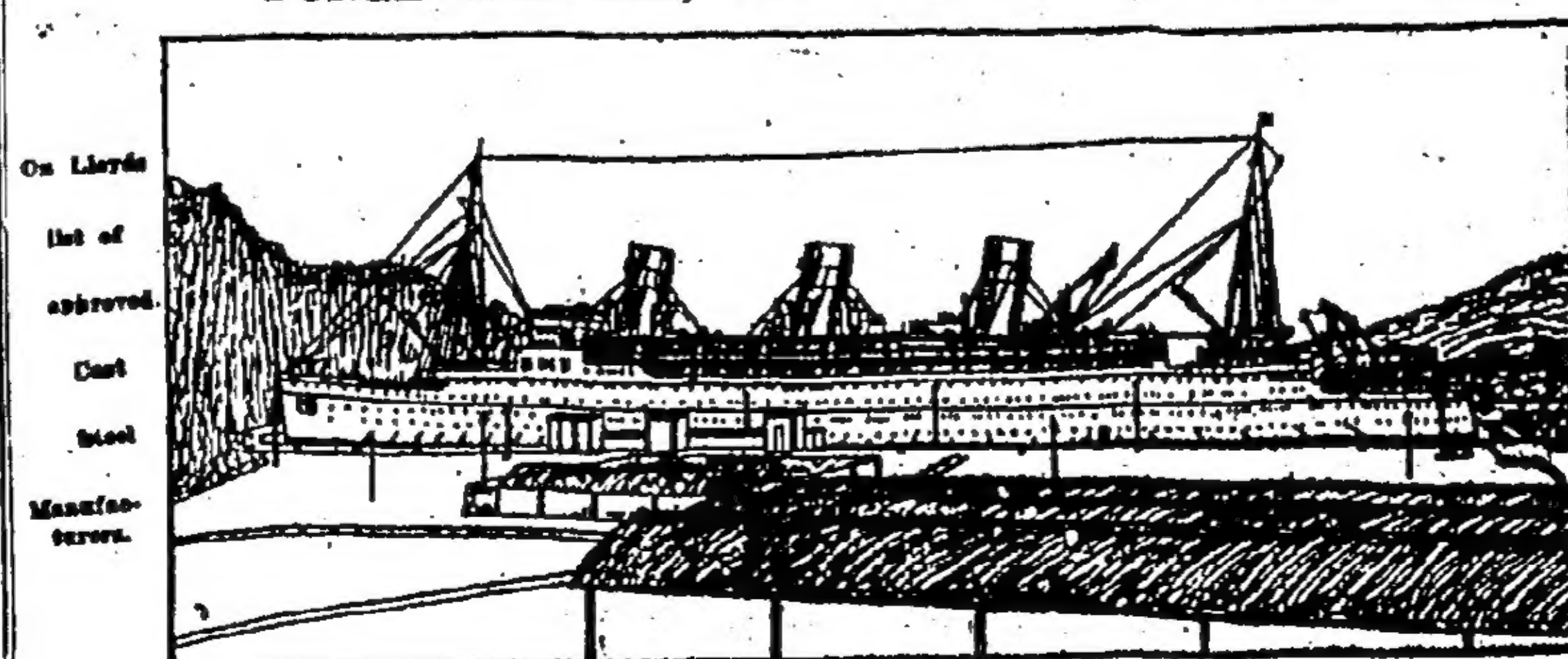
P. S. I am afraid this is again a long letter, and I shall not in the least mind if you decide not to print it. If you don't, though, you had better save it for next year.

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LABOURER CONFESSES TO  
"RIPPER" CRIMES.

Dusseldorf, Apr. 14. Evidence at the opening of the trial of Peter Kuerten, a labourer, who has confessed to the "Jack the Ripper" crimes which terrorised Dusseldorf two years ago, was so revolting that the proceedings are being held in camera.

To-day, Kuerten entered as casual and indifferent as yesterday, and started studying his notes. He was prepared to give further de-

tails of his crimes and life, but pressmen were excluded at the suggestion of the German Press Association, who have been inundated with requests from religious and other bodies to prevent publication of unnecessary details.

A summary of the evidence was issued to the press, but much even in this resume is unfit for publication. Kuerten in the course of his statements maintained that his impulses were partly inherited from his father and partly due to his experiences in childhood, when his father and mother and their ten children all slept in one room.

Reuter.

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## FRENCH STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

ANOTHER HAINAN STRAIT  
MISHAP.

LIMCHOW AGROUND.

Two French vessels were involved in a collision yesterday afternoon in Hainan Strait, which has during the last few weeks been the scene of the grounding of several steamers, some of which have not yet been raised, others being still fast with no immediate prospect of being off.

The vessels concerned in the latest mishap are the Canton, of the Messageries Maritimes, and the Limchow, of the Sing Kee Co. The former vessel left Hongkong for Haiphong at 4 p.m. on Monday, while the latter was bound for this port from Haiphong with coal and other general cargo.

A message was received by the local office of the Sing Kee Co. yesterday evening to the effect that the Limchow was aground at Pochim Parada, Hainan Straits, after a collision with the Canton. The local agents were asked to send out a salvage boat immediately.

The Limchow left Haiphong at 11 a.m. yesterday, so it is presumed that the collision must have taken place yesterday afternoon. Inquiries made this morning elicited the information that no boat has been sent out from Hongkong yet, but steps had already been taken to send a salvage tug to the scene. It is understood that the Henry Kenwick will most probably be despatched.

No news has been received here with regard to the Canton, though the vessel is fitted with wireless. Capt. Morganti is in command of the Limchow which was due here this afternoon.

## SCOTTISH SOCCER.

FALKIRK EASILY DEFEAT  
ST. MIRREN.

London, Apr. 14. In the First Division of the Scottish Football League, Falkirk were at home to-day to St. Mirren and won easily by five goals to nil.

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## RAILWAY STOCK.

London, Apr. 14.

It is officially announced that the personnel of the "London Purchasing Committee," which is to spend the sum of £4,000,000 out of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund for British railway materials, to be used in the rehabilitation of the Chinese railways, has been completed.

The chairman will be Mr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese Minister in London, and the members are Mr. C. C. Wang, formerly managing director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, together with the following British representatives:

Sir Arthur Balfour, a member of the British Economy Advisory Council, director of the National Provincial Bank, of High Speed Alloys, Ltd. and of Sheffield cutlery firms;

Sir Basil Blackett, director of the Bank of England, chairman, Imperial and International Communications, Ltd. director of all the leading British cable companies, and formerly Finance Member of the Executive Council of the Government of India;

Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Chief General Manager of the London and North-Eastern Railway since 1923.

A similar Sino-British body appointed by Nanking, will be under the National Government.

Reuter.

Three European members of the s.s. Agamemnon, lying at Holt's Wharf, were reported to have been victimised yesterday by two men who went on board stating that they were tailors. Each of the men was measured for clothes and W. E. Evans, Chief Officer, deposited \$5. O. V. Jones, second officer \$19 and a third officer \$10 against their orders. The two alleged tailors have not been since.

## MURDER CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

TWO BROTHERS DISCHARGED  
THIS MORNING.

LACK OF EVIDENCE.

The murder charge preferred against two brothers, Chan Ching and Chan Po, members of a junk Prosecutor, and Chief Detective seaman disappeared at the end of last year, was to-day withdrawn by the police in view of the impossibility of proceeding further with the case on the evidence available.

The step was taken after a consultation between the Inspector General of Police and the Public Prosecutor and Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds was then instructed to inform the Magistrate (Mr. Schofield) before whom the prisoners had appeared at a number of remands, that the great difficulty encountered by the prosecution was the non-discovery of the body or the finding of any evidence that it had been washed ashore. Having made what he considered as a good start on the case, the police, said Inspector Reynolds, had now been compelled to withdraw.

To the prisoners, Mr. Schofield said:—The police are offering no further evidence; in fact, no evidence at all against you. You are therefore discharged.

The case concerns the probable fate of a seaman belonging to a Chinese Customs cutter, who was put on board a junk suspected of smuggling salt off Pingchau towards the end of last year, with directions to bring the craft in to Shamun. He was not seen again, although the junk was traced to Pingchau subsequently, and there was a strong suspicion that he had been surprised and his body thrown overboard or otherwise disposed of, by those members of the junk's crew who were allowed to remain on board and work the vessel.

It was not until very recently, that the Hongkong Police arrested the two prisoners in the case. Beyond their identification as members of the crew of the junk, found deserted at Pingchau, there had been no further important developments.

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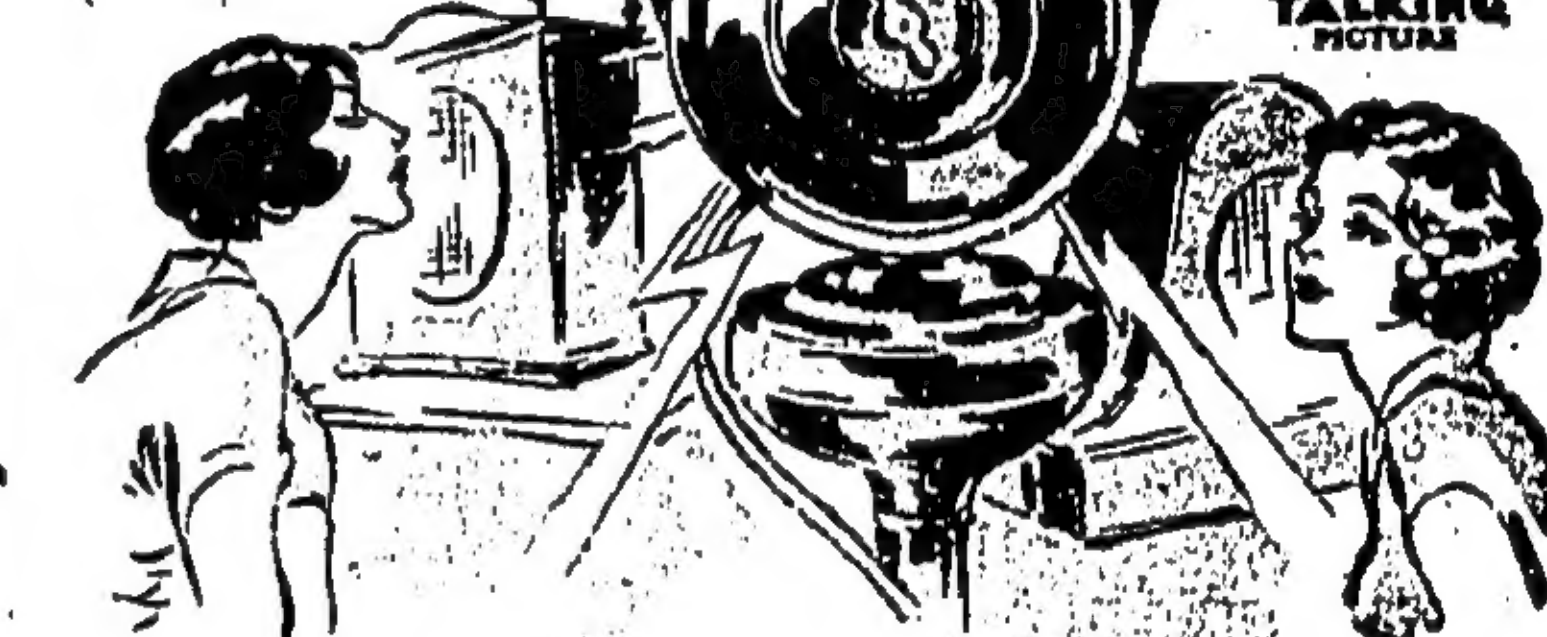
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